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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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TO REGISTER: Please call the office during business hours (8:00 - 3:00 p.m.) or contact either of the pastors. Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP

If you or someone you know has had cardio-vascular surgery, you're invited to the monthly meeting of our cardio-vascular group. It meets Wednesday, January 9, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., here at the church. No charge. It's a time to learn and share.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

We've heard a lot about hunger lately, especially in Africa. What can we do about it? Come to our Bread For The World meeting here at the church, Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m., and find out! There is a way for you to help.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE meets Monday, January 7, 7:15 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Lock-In

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. CYF

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Long Range Planning
Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 10-16

Myrtle DeVinney (10)

Gwynth Rice (10)

Carolyn King (11)

Julie Cooke (11)

Bev Hudlow (13)

Jeanne Feltenberger (13)

Mark Lehman (13)

James Fick (13)

Rychie Smell (13)

Loretta Orr (14)

John Roush (14)

Mike Mullen (15)

Jeff Young (15)

Missy Chapin (15)

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION:

George & Virginia Bruckman; Mr.
& Mrs. William DeVinney; Vada Tat-
man; Ruby Mowery; Bob & Esther
Clipp; Iva Imbody; Lucille Brans-
trator; Grant & Jessie Fern Wood-
ward; Mike, Pat, Sara, & Steve
Mullen; Mary Wagner; Dither Glass;
(con't next column)

The CYF will meet January 6
at 5:30 - regular time (5:30!)

The Chi Rho will have a lock-
in Friday, January 4. Oh, yes!
It will be from 7:00 p.m. (eat
dinner first) until 10:00 the
next morning. More informa-
tion later. Watch your mail!

HELP!!!!

Needed are coffee hour hosts.
Sign up in fellowship hall,
please!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who help-
ed make the costumes and to
those who donated material for
the Children's Musical.

Laura York

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CON'T:

Jim, Becky, & Jeremy Stucky;
Earl & Ruth Plummer; Margaret
& Bill Love; Harold & Edna
Nordblom; Mel, Barb, Chris, &
Matt Busse; Sam, Barb, Amy, &
Adam Hayes; Mary Piatt; Margar-
et & Bert Leversee; Anita Fitch;
Ed & Rosalie Hall; Merle & Betty
Grimm; The Gene Shirley's; Bill &
Joan Franklin; and Kathryn Cullen.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-23-84

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Anthis, 3939
Evergreen Lane; Mr. Michael
Fitch, Lexington, KY; Mr. &
Mrs. Don Eyer, P.O. Box 746,
Weirsdale, FL.

EVERYONE INTERESTED INVITED!

There will be a teacher's
training event featuring two
of our Associate Regional Minis-
ters on January 12 from 10:00
a.m. to 2:00 p.m. here at First
Christian. You don't have to
be teaching now to come! Let
us know by Jan. 8 if you're
coming!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Occasionally someone will bring to me a brochure or mailing which asks for money to help alleviate one or another critical need in the world. Usually, the person is asking for my judgement on the merit of the plan. I'd like to share with you how I decide what to do when I receive such pleas.

I support the mission of Christ through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I give of my income through the local church to its varied ministries and missions. I am certain my money is used to the best possible advantage for the work of Christ. I know that because the Christian Church has open books and I have access to all of them. I feel that I, as a member of the church, have a responsibility to support fully that mission and ministry.

I am uncertain about other organizations. This does not mean they are or are not legitimate. It simply means I do not know. I know the power of the media to persuade and convince, but I also know the power of the media to hide the full truth. Therefore, I am reluctant to support causes which I do not know to be legitimate or wisely administered.

Mass media and mass mailing appeals raise millions of dollars from people who are not members of local congregations. They do receive the support of the non-church population. The only people who will support the local congregation and its international mission are active members. Therefore, I leave those other ministries to people who are not strong and active supporters of a local church.

I also know the ministry of the Christian Church includes aid and assistance to all areas of human need. Through my gifts, I help heal the sick and hungry, and the spiritually hungry. My gifts ministers to the needs of small children and the elderly. It helps train ministers. It helps the blind to see and the lame to walk. And all of these ministries are done with administrative costs that range from 0% (due to permanent endowments) to around 6%, compared to media ministries and campaigns that range from 25% - 75% in administrative costs.

One of the benefits of belonging to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the very effective and efficient channels available to me as I seek to fulfill my calling to give for the work of the Kingdom. I hope you'll keep these reflections in mind as you make your own choices about giving.

See you Sunday!

Love,

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Laura York
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Miriam Bixenman

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8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-SW, B.
Grimm-NW, M. Hutchinson, E. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, G. Falbe-
NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, M. Finkhousen-
NE, S. Kerley, B. Kerley, M. Hamm,
B. Haines

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wester-
field,

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm
10:45 A.M. George & Tammy Davis

ACOLYTES

Jason Krull & Adam Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Deb White

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

COMMUNION PREPARATION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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LUTHERAN:

471 - Mrs. Donna Johnson
622 - Mrs. Velma Hechler

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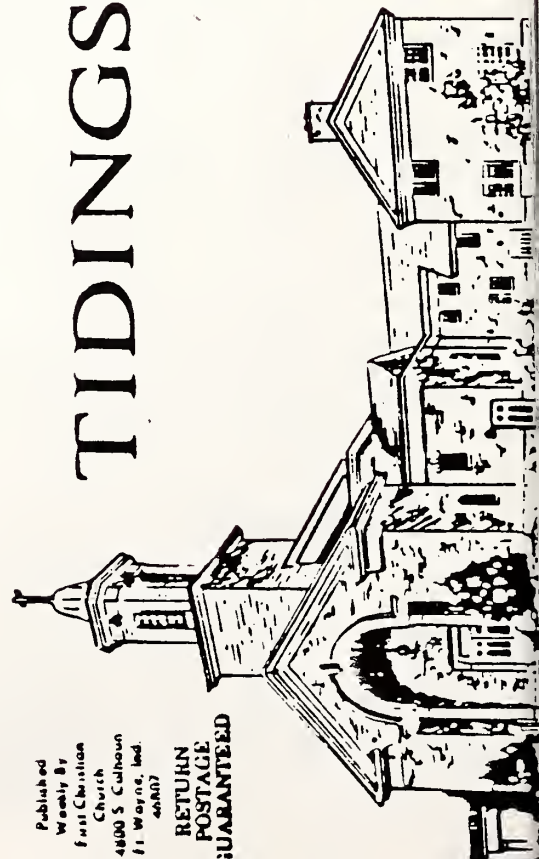
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ITALIAN DINNER - AUCTION OF SERVICES

Christian Women's Fellowship is an Outreach minded organization - 75% of their budget goes to World Outreach. In order to help raise this budget, they are sponsoring an All-Church Italian Dinner and Auction of Services immediately after second service on January 20. Your help is needed.

Index cards telling what service you would be willing to give should be turned in to Kris Ohneck or the church office by January 15. Services might include such things as: baking a cake, a pan of sweet rolls, a loaf of bread, muffins, pies; making a batch of your special candy; painting a room; shoveling snow; summer lawn work; 2 hour repair service of any kind; transportation to the grocery, the doctor, just shopping; cleaning a house for 2 or 3 hours; babysitting; anything you would care to do. Marvin Crouse will be the auctioneer - always alot of fun. Come to the dinner and bid on the services.

Reservations for the meal are also needed by January 15. The excellent food will be prepared by our brand new Sarah CWF group. Donations are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 10 and under. Phone reservations to the church office or sign up at church next Sunday.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir will begin the new year with a new format this Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. The first order of business will be to select a name for the choir. It will be a part of the worship service from time to time during the year. Children K-5 are welcome.

The Bell Choir will meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. It needs also to select a name, and will also be playing regularly.

The Chancel Choir will be measured for robes this Thursday night. The choir is grateful for gifts totaling a little better than half the amount needed and will be working to earn the rest of it by the time the robes are delivered, we hope by Easter.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 A.M. Teacher Training
Workshop

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
6:00 P.M. Prayer Seminar
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the
church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER January 17-23

Myron Cole (17)
Adalee Clifton (17)
Calvin Jones (17)
Walter Williams (17)
Troy Yeoman (17)
Lee Ann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
Jack Sauerwein (18)
Robert Finkhousen (19)
Twyla Streeter (19)
Chip Olson (19)
David Alexander (19)
Chanel Novachcoff (19)
Peggy Buskirk (20)
Kenneth Flesher (20)
Tim Sauerwein (20)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)
Daniel Auer (21)
Jim Plummer (21)
Bob Ulrich (22) Delores Keebortz (23)
Gladys Hoop (23) Harriett Cole (23)

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to the Fellowship Guild, the parlor has lovely new water color paintings and the Chapel has a beautiful new piano. This CWF group has made many important contributions to the church over the years.

Thanks to the church and the Come Double Class, you did so much for Martha and her friends and family.

Myron Cole

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!!!

We need drivers for our Sunday morning bus route. The church will pay for your public passenger chauffeur's license. Please contact the church office if you are willing to drive once a month.

Thanks!

CYF & CHI RHO

CYF will be meeting at 5:30 on January 13. Also, the Youth Area Assembly will be on January 20 from 4:00 - 6:30.

Chi Rho will meet Sunday at 5:30. The question is: How many Chi Rho'ers actually survived the lock-in last week?

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-6-85

Mr. Dave Riddle & Family;
Victory Harvey, 801 Tennessee Avenue; Charles Gilbert, 1507 Waldron Circle; Miss Katie Guntermann, 1007 Nuttman; Heather Porter, 1240 W. Rudisill; Rose Gaskill, 5907 Lois Lane.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I had a most relaxing 10 days with my family at my parents' in St. Petersburg. We hit really good weather this year and I am truly thankful for the time. I now feel relaxed and eager to begin this new year.

Some regard New Year's resolutions as trite, but I don't. I regard the new year as a great time to turn over new leaves. Granted, sometimes the same leaf has to be turned over several times before it stays turned over, but this is a good time to make the initial effort.

What if you resolved to make 1985 the year in which you developed a closer relationship with God than ever before? Wouldn't that alone make 1985 worth living? Think it over.

See you Sunday!

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SEMINAR BY REGIONAL STAFF!

Everyone interested in Christian Education is invited to a teacher training meeting this Saturday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. Maribeth Blackman-Sexton and Delores Turner, both Associate ministers of the Christian Church in Indiana will be our resource persons. Lunch will be served by the CYF at the cost of \$2.00 a person. Plan on coming to hear these Regional leaders!

THANK YOU'S

We'd like to thank the Rebecca Group for the fruit basket they sent at Christmas. Thanks also to the Wells' for delivering it to us.

Troy & Evelyn Yeoman

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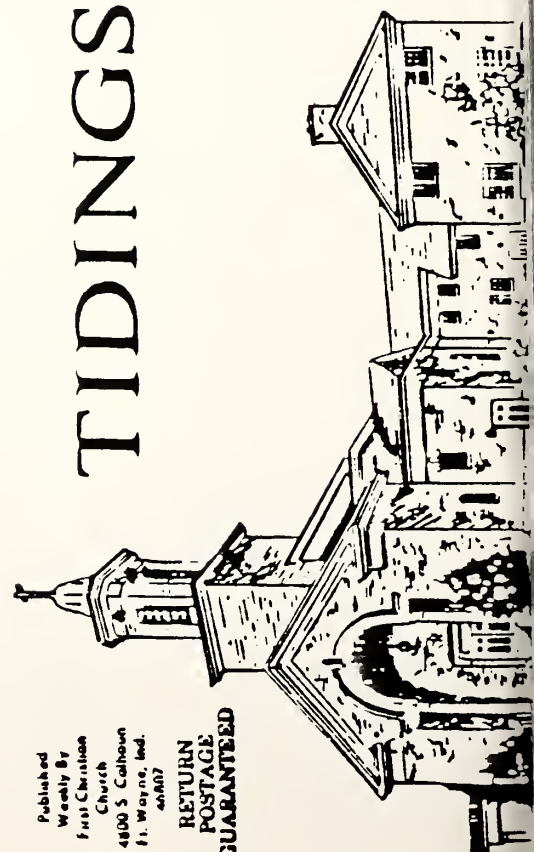
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DON'T MENTION AGE

The D.M.A. will meet for a potluck Tuesday, January 22 at noon. Afterwards they will proceed to the Fort Wayne Art Museum for a tour. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

On Sunday, February 3, 9:25 a.m., in the sanctuary, the congregation will meet briefly to consider a By-laws change. The recommended changes are as follows:

Article II.F. - Standing Committees

#9. c(i) Place a period (.) after "staff vacancies" and end (i) there deleting the balance of (i).

(ii) To act in cooperation with the ministerial staff in the termination of the service of non-ministerial staff.

(iii) Make the present (ii) now (iii)

(iv) Make the present (iii) now (iv)

Article V - Standing Policies

D. - Change to read:

All Standing Policies on Record shall be distributed annually to the Board of Trustees at its first business meeting of the year.

Article VII - Amendment

Change to read:

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds vote, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to members of the Board of Trustees at least ten days prior to the time the vote is to be taken. Written notice of the amendment shall be given to the congregation ten days prior to the final vote by the Board of Trustees.

Copies of the Constitution are available in the church office.

DEACONS MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 22.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 22.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: 7:15 p.m., Thursday, January 24.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 29.

ELDERS: 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 30.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Italian Dinner and
Auction of Services
4:00 P.M. Area I Youth Rally
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
Meeting
6:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting
7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

5:00 P.M. Children's Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:15 P.M. Personnel Committee

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00 A.M. CWF Executive Board
Meeting

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER JANUARY 24-30

Mimi Westerfield (24)
Linda Stover (25)
Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Jack Jones (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Metta Stucky (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Green (27)
Florence Hager (28)
William Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Doris Richards (29)
Jack Bennett (29)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Betty Farrow (29)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Urich (30)

CYF AREA I RALLY!

Next Sunday, January 20, the youth groups of all six churches of Area I of the Christian Church in Indiana have been invited to a Rally here at First Christian Church. Some of us have responsibilities for part of the program, but we all need to be there to represent First Christian, to meet new people, to worship together, and to have fun! Hope everyone can make it!

TIME: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

On January 27, C.Y.F. will be having a bake sale to raise money for a spring trip to St. Louis.

CHI RHO

Chi Rho youth group will meet at 5:30. We will be electing new officers for the second half of the year!

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

10:00 a.m.

January 26, 1985

Please attend if you are on this Board!

USED STAMPS ARE VALUABLE

If you cut them off leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " of envelope on all sides, used stamps can be redeemed for money for mission projects. They are bought by companies that supply hobbyists. Please bring your used stamps to the church. Betty & Jack Jones will send these in.

THANKS

To Earl Snouffer for the office door window!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Reinhold Niebuhr, one of this century's finest theologians, suffered severe depressions one after another after he was stricken by a stroke in 1960. During these depressions, he found himself profoundly embarrassed by a prayer he had composed many years earlier. He was embarrassed because, he thought, he could not live up to it. It went:

*"God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed, courage
to change the things that should be
changed, and the wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other".*

Dr. Niebuhr actually had no reason for embarrassment, for his prayer was not a statement of accomplishment but a cry for help which has found a place in the hearts of millions. There is nothing wrong with a prayer that we cannot fully measure up to. We all ought to have prayers great enough for us to grow into.

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PRAYER

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The Fort Wayne Literacy Council (Laubach Method) will hold a Tutor Training Workshop to train volunteers to become tutors of the functionally illiterate or foreign speaking people in our area on January 26th and February 2nd. The time of the Workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. For further information contact Ruth Yost-747-2817.

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1-13-85 - Mike Peterson, 3210 McKinnie St., Mr. & Mrs. Lon Neal, 9226 Crystal Spring Drive.

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Michelle Stam & Aimie Pratt

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NO Coffee Hour - Italian Dinner

BUS DRIVER

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10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

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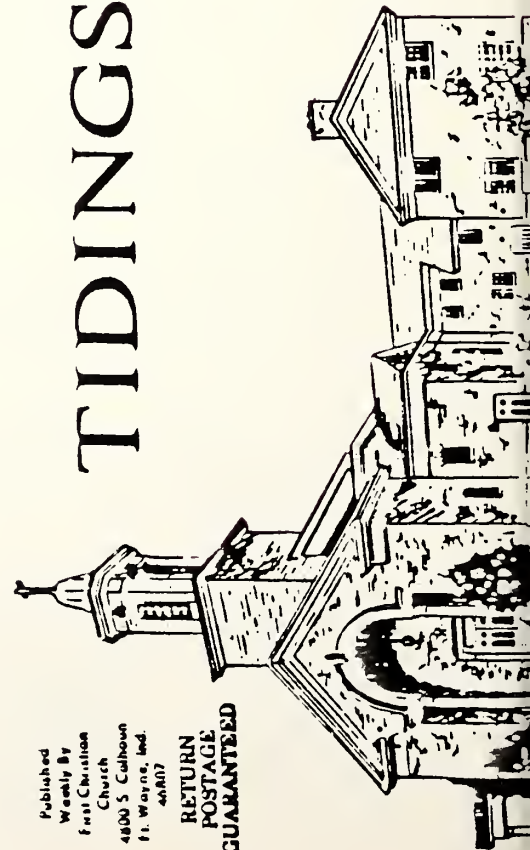
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SYMPATHY

*Former minister of First Christian
Church, E.A. McKim - his son has died,
C.E.A. McKim, on December 31, 1984 in
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Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLII January 23, 1985 No. 4

ITALIAN DINNER MOVED TO THIS SUNDAY, - JANUARY 27!

Since all was cancelled last Sunday, we will enjoy the CWF's lasagna this Sunday. If you did not register before and are able to come on this new date, please call the church office no later than Saturday, noon. Help support this mission project and have a ball!

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CYF AREA I RALLY - MOVED TO FEBRUARY 10

On Sunday, February 10, the youth groups of all six churches of Area I of the Christian Church in Indiana have been invited to a Rally here at First Christian Church. Some of us have responsibilities for part of the program, but we all need to be there to represent First Christian, to meet new people, to worship together, and to have fun! Hope everyone can make it! Time: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.!

LAST CALL FOR DICK'S OLD TESTAMENT CLASS

Please RSVP by this Sunday for this class. It will meet Mondays February 4 - April 1, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Text is \$9.95. Call 744-3239.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9:25 a.m. in sanctuary to consider By-Laws changes.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!!!!

We need drivers for our Sunday morning bus route. The church will pay for your public passenger chauffeur's license. Please contact the church office if you are willing to drive once a month. Thanks!

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE: 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, January 29.

ELDERS: 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 30.

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Church School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 NOON Italian Dinner
 4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
 7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
 Group
 6:00 P.M. Area Board Meeting at
 North Christian Church
 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:15 P.M. Long Range Planning
 Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

5:00 P.M. The Celebration -
 Children's Choir
 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 1-7

Jim Sands (1)
 Bobbi Lindsay (1)
 Muriel Plitts (2)
 Anita Fitch (2)
 Eric Mory (2)
 Patricia Erdly (3)
 Helen Lobdell (4)
 Wanda Ingmire (4)
 Ruth Yentes (4)
 Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
 Ruth Bozarth (5)
 Emma Phillips (6)
 Sue Knuckles (6)
 Stan Horine (6)
 Elinor Place (7)
 Nita Wilson (7)

THANK YOU

Our deepest thanks to Rev.
 Wiltfong, Dr. Hamm, Janet Wei-
 cker, the Come Double Class,
 and all others in the church
 for your prayers and support.

May God Bless you all.
 Candace & Myron Cole & Family

INVITATION FROM WEST CREIGHTON

There will be a Valentine
 Dinner on February 10 at West
 Creighton Christian Church.
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Menu: Vegetable Cocktail, Ba-
 ked Chicken, Baked Potatoes,
 Buttered green peas, fruit
 jello salad, rolls & butter,
 assorted pies, & beverages.
 \$3.50 for adults & \$1.50 for
 children 12 and under.

Dinner is being put on by
 the Stewardship Department.
 Come one, come all. Bring
 your sweethearts and loved
 ones to dinner for Valentines
 Day.



January 27, 1985

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Gee, but it's hard to cancel worship services! But when I arose to -22° Sunday, I called Moderator Bill Johnson and Don and we decided cancellation was right. Last year we went ahead with services for who-soever would come, but several people came (out of loyalty) who had no business coming out. So this year we made the choice for them. It was hard, but right, I think.

Since the Italian Dinner was postponed, I hope you will support it this Sunday. Lasagne just gets better with a little aging (just like Mindy)! I also trust that everyone will recognize the need to make their financial contributions for last week in spite of no services, since our expenses and mission objectives march on no matter what..... praise God!

I look forward to hearing from Ralph Church this Sunday. In the meantime, I've got one "on the ice" that you'll hear eventually (it remains to be seen whether sermons age well)!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. January is traditionally a time for "letting down" from the holidays. For some it's even a time of depression. The church, too, lets down a bit this month before moving toward the climax of Easter. It's natural and healthy to experience a little "let down" at this time of the year. Relax. Enjoy it. Don't fight it! Even a field has to lay "fallow" occasionally, or it will "burn out". Energy and vitality will return soon. (As for those who are actually invigorated by January, I don't even want to hear about it!).

INVITATION FROM NORTH CHRISTIAN

On Sunday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. Seguidores de Cristo, the choir from our hispanic congregation in Gary will sing at North Christian.

We have been invited to this special event. No RSVP needed.

CYF & CHI RHO

CYF & Chi Rho will meet this Sunday, January 27, at 5:30 p.m.

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

10:00 a.m.

January 26, 1985

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Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, E.
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USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wester-
field, J. Jones, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Carole & Dorothy Over-
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ACOLYTES

Mark Zimmerman & Robbie Critell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Italian Dinner

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - S. Knuckles

D. Keebortz - B. Briggs

M. Snyder - S. Schell

A. Creager - T. Creager

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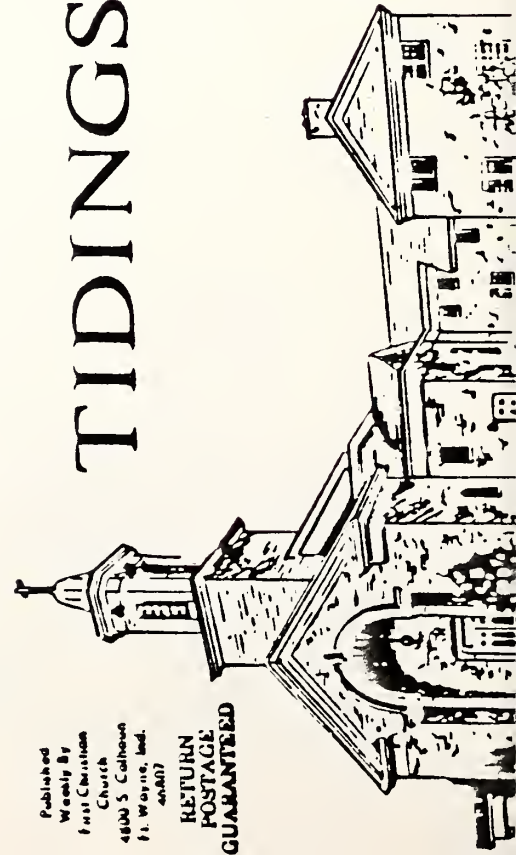
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THIS SUNDAY

Did you ever want to crucify the world? That's what my sermon is about Sunday. Read Galatians 6:14-18 in preparation.
Dick

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SPONSORING SKI TRIP

An over night downhill/cross country ski escape weekend to Cannonsburg is planned for Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17. We will leave 7:00 Saturday morning and return Sunday around 9:00 p.m. We will spend Saturday night in Grand Rapids at a facility with an indoor pool/whirlpool for lots of after-ski fun. Here's how the costs break down: Lifts-\$13.00/day; ski rental-\$10.00/day; room-\$12.00 per person with 4 persons to a room. Several persons have signed up, but we need four more people in order to fill the rooms and to receive the group rates. There are only a few rooms left so please place your reservation with Liz Johnson (744-3670) or Jane Hahn (484-3879) by Sunday, February 3.

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10:00 A.M. Chi Rho to Pokagon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

3:00 P.M. Spectrum try-outs

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 P.M. BACE Class

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:00 P.M. The Celebration - Children's Choir

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 8-14

Nancy Smith (8)

Betty Harter (9)

Steve White (9)

Sharon Knuckles (9)

Ken Place (10) Merle Grimm (14)

Marvin Crouse (11) Tony Evans (14)

Bill DeVinney (12) Arlynn Call (14)

Chris McDougale (12) Gene Bozarth (14)

Virgil Buchanan (13) Scott Creager (14)

Kevin Tobias (13) Robert Neal (14)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mr. Greg Showalter; Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Davis, 14929 Bluffton Rd.; Miss Lisa Green, 134 Fay Dr.; Mr. C. Ray Gilbert, 1507 Waldron Circle; Vickie Harvey, 801 Tennessee, Apt. 208.

PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAYS-7:15-8:00 p.m.

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go; my own wisdom and that of all around me seemed insufficient for the day".

CONCERNS & JOYS

Steve & Deb White (daughter of the Nordbloms) are heading for California this week to live. God bless them.

Max Finkhousen has resigned as custodian after some five years here at First Christian. We are grateful for his service and wish him well.

THANK YOU'S

CWF thanks all who attended the Italian Dinner and Auction of Services on January 27. The money raised will be put toward outreach. Thanks to the Sarah Group for help in kitchen, before, during, and after the dinner.

The Membership Committee wishes to thank those who helped our new "Church Family" banner for 1985 up and ready. These include Dan Flickinger, Delores Keebortz, John & Betty Briggs, and Max Finkhousen. The help of each one was greatly appreciated.

SPECTRUM

Spectrum will meet at 3:00 Sunday to start working on the Easter Sunrise Service Drama, "He is Risen".

CWF TO BYRON HEALTH CENTER

The CWF will go to the Byron Health Center on Monday, February 11. Meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. A box is located by the south door for any contributions of little gifts.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Ralph Church did an excellent job Sunday of "counting our blessings" here at First Christian. It is exciting to be in the top 1½% of the 4,319 Disciple congregations across the nation in outreach giving! And there are some exciting challenges ahead for us.

Thanks to all the participants in Lay Sunday. We are greatly blessed with lay leadership!

Don and I are now heavy with planning for Lent! We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on February 20, which will be a new experience for many of us. We will be doing a Lenten Sermon Series on "The Spiritual Disciplines". We hope this year's observance of Lent will be a time of spiritual growth for us all. See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

ALL CHURCH DINNER

The World Outreach & Membership Committees are jointly sponsoring an all church dinner on Tuesday evening, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be a smorgasbord of dishes that can be prepared with items such as are regularly carried in our Food Bank. Purpose of the dinner is to let our people hear just how our food bank operates, who is eligible to come as clients, how often they may come, where the food comes from, how it is given out, and items that are most needed in the bank. Recipes will be available for each dish served. There will be a guest speaker, plus the honoring of those who were instrumental in starting our original pantry program. Cost of the meal will be defrayed by a free will offering. Any profits that are made will go to the Associated Churches in their drive for funds for overhead expenses of operating the food bank system in Fort Wayne. Reservations for this meal are necessary. Please call the church office before February 8 or sign up at church this Sunday.

NEEDED

5 women, 3 men, 2 angels (men or women) for parts in the Easter Sunrise Service, "He is Risen". Try out Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNIVERSARY?

We need to know of any couple in our church who has wedding anniversaries during 1985 of 25 years or of 50 or more years. If you do have, please call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365). If you have an anniversary of more than 50 years & your name was on the banner last year, it is not necessary to call.

C.W.F. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING was rescheduled to February 2, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. Please attend if you are on this board!

NOTICE

There are dishes that were left in the kitchen. Please claim them if they are yours. Also, please bring back any containers you may have taken food home in. Thanks.

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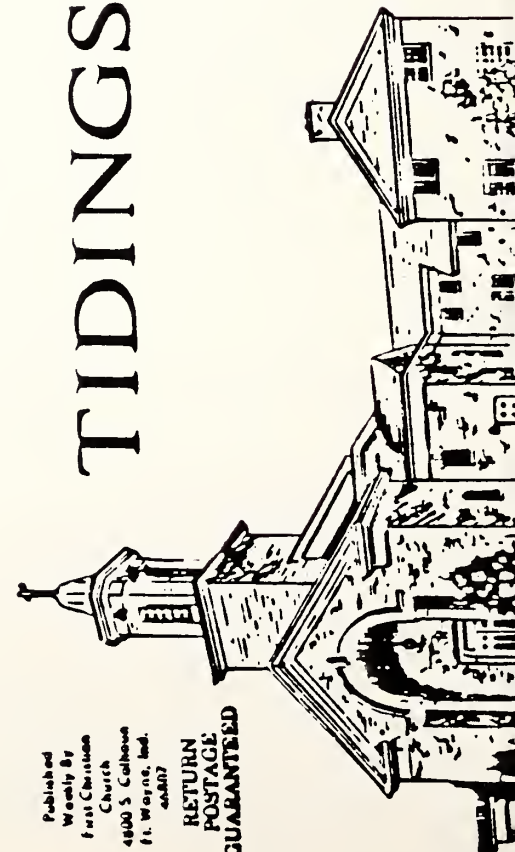
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WEEK OF COMPASSION - FEBRUARY 17-24

In the past weeks and months we have heard much about the famine in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. It has been estimated that 900,000 people will die before the famine is over. Since October, Week of Compassion has been helping to transport food to those who are starving. Because we give through our annual offering, Week of Compassion can be responsive and responsible when disaster strikes here or overseas. We will receive our Week of Compassion offering on February 17 and February 24. Please plan to give generously.

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CYF

The CYF made \$93.00 at the Bake Sale last Sunday. Thanks to all who baked and bought. We will be having a chili luncheon on February 24 after church. Our fund raisers are for a spring trip to St. Louis.

The Area I Youth Rally for all high school youth will be next Sunday at our church from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. If at all possible, be at the church by 3:00 p.m. to help set up for this event.

C.W.F.

Cut out date for the baptismal robes - February 22 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If somebody wants to contribute monies to offset the cost of material, send contributions to Beth Wiltfong, 1005 Illsley Drive.

Thank you.

Saturn Christian Sausage & Pancake Supper Saturday, February 9, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the
church
6:00 P.M. All Church Dinner
sponsored by Outreach
& Membership Committees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:00 P.M. The Celebration -
Children's Choir
7:00 P.M. Central Diaconate
Group at Mary Novach-
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ard Avenue

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - Ski Trip

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 15-21

Brett Lucas (15)
Walter Bowen (15)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Karen Rogers (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
Don Crouse (19)
Romane Cole (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Heather Chapin (20)
Margaret Jenkins (21)

CONCERNS & JOYS

Diane Mory has completed work toward her Masters degree in education.

The Westerfields are first time grandparents!

A Portfolio of art pieces of Bob Briggs was 1 of 100 out of 2,000 selected for the Gold Key Award in a contest here in Fort Wayne. The Portfolio was selected to be entered in the National Scholarship Contest in New York. This is the first time this has ever happened to a Fort Wayne student. Congratulations Bob!

David & Melanie Springer had their daughter, Sherry Renee, dedicated last Sunday!

Earl Fusselman has served as our Groundskeeper for many years, and has done an outstanding job. Earl has resigned, and we shall miss his special touch with our lawn.

CHI RHO

The snow trip was cancelled last Saturday, but we'll just have to try again this week! Be at the church this Saturday morning, February 9, at (ugh!) 8:00 a.m. with your long under wear and a sack lunch. You'll need \$2.00 for transportation and a little more if you want to ride the toboggan run. S'no way you'll want to miss this! Look for a mailing later in the week.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2-3-85

Sue Fields, 2713 Fairfield;
Gwen Fields, 2713 Fairflied;
Miss Michelle Blondell, 2109
Dale Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Garold
Springer, 6207 S. Hanna St.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Someone once said, "we can get so busy doing church work that we have no time for doing the work of the church". How true. Our whole culture is, in fact, caught up in doing. Consequently we are often a bit lacking when it comes to being.

Many people find prayer a quaint irrelevancy at best or a total waste of time at worst. But prayer is the primary means by which we stay attune with God and by which we should manage our lives and "center" ourselves.

In his book, "The Meaning of Prayer", Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote: "All the characteristic enthusiasms of our day cluster around work. In churches, service is the popular note. Our failure in prayer is partly due to the prevailing temper of our generation, which in its splendid enthusiasm for work has neglected that culture of prayer, on which in the end the finest quality of spirit and the deepest resources of power must depend. Is this not one reason why keen observers note that our generation is marked by practical efficiency and spiritual shallowness? May we not hope to keep in ourselves the best gains of this efficient age and at the same time recover the "practice of the presence of God?"

I commend to you a vigorous prayer life. Why not join us on Sunday evenings 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Or, if that is not possible, set aside that time for yourself to pray wherever you can.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

CHOIR NOTES.....

Helen and the Roller Coasters will not meet this Sunday but will resume practices February 17 at 3:30 p.m.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will hold a Bake Sale after church February 17 to earn money for their choir robes which have been ordered. All calories will have been removed from even the most luscious items. If you don't believe that, donations for a carrot or celery stick will be cheerfully accepted!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered milk, canned meats, canned milk, instant potatoes

THE CELEBRATION will sing Sunday, February 10. Children will practice in the sanctuary February 7 at 5:00 p.m., and again February 10 at 9:30 a.m.

THE SENSATIONAL SIX will practice in the choir room at 9:40 a.m., February 10.

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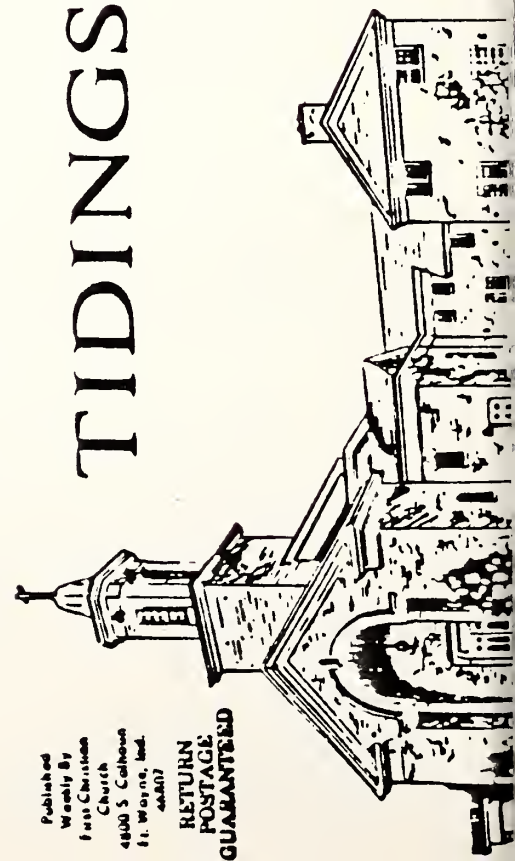
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ted and Terri Pfenning transferred their membership to First Christian Church Sunday. They live at 4308 Beaver Avenue 46807, phone - 745-1226. They have a 5 year old son Christopher. Welcome!

LUNCHEON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 WITH HAMMS' ISRAEL SLIDES

The congregation is invited to a soup and chili luncheon being provided by the Christian Youth Fellowship Sunday, February 24. You may have your choice of soup or chili. The luncheon will be followed by the Hamm's presentation of their slides from Israel. Sign up this Sunday or call the church office.

CHOIR BAKE SALE

The Chancel Choir will hold a Bake Sale after church this Sunday, February 17, to earn money for their choir robes which have been ordered. All calories will have been removed from even the most luscious items. If you don't believe that, donations for a carrot or celery stick will be cheerfully accepted!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., we will have an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary. Babysitting will be provided. Even if you have never been to an Ash Wednesday service, you will find this one inspirational. Come and prepare for Lent.

DINNERS OF EIGHT & DINNER OF SIX

If there is anybody that would like to sign up for the spring Dinners of 8 or Dinners of 6, call the church office or sign up at church this Sunday. Anybody that was already on the list will be automatically included. What is Dinners of 8 and Dinners of 6? Briefly, there is a host couple who sets a date and calls the other three couples to tell them when the dinner will be held. They are assigned a dish to bring and the host couple provides the meat and drink. For Dinners of 6 there is a host also, but they are responsible for choosing a restaurant and a time, then calling to let the others know when and where it will be.

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Choir Bake Sale
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:30 P.M. S.W. Diaconate House
Meeting at Gary Falbe's,
9806 Roe Drive

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group
7:00 P.M. Diaconate House meeting
at Walter Bowen's, 1924
Senior Drive

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER February 22-28

Steve Hall (22)
Walter Bowen (22) (incorrectly listed
in last weeks Tidings)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barb Mettler (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
Dan Church (25)
Eunice Conrad (25)
Cathy Katt (26)
Homer Stevenson (26)
Bill Chappell (26)
Bette Jones (27) Liz Johnson (28)
Tim Briggs (28) Bill Lehman (28)

CONCERNS & JOYS

Nathaniel Baker was dedicated Sunday by his parents Stan & Muriel (Crouse) Baker.

Bob Petty's brother died this week.

Terry King is to come home this week from Lutheran Hospital.

Ruby Johns & Helen Reynolds are in Parkview Hospital.

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP

All heart patients are invited to join this monthly group meeting Tuesday, February 19, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

C.W.F.

Cut out date for the baptismal robes - February 22 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. If somebody wants to contribute monies to offset the cost of material, send contributions to Beth Wiltfong, 1005 Illsley Drive.

FEBRUARY IS BLANKET MONTH

Blankets cost \$5.00 and will be sent to countries of the world where needed. If you care to donate toward this worthwhile cause please send check to church office marked "blanket". Thank you for your support.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered milk, canned meats, canned milk, instant potatoes

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 2-10-85

Mary Fanger; Mr. & Mrs. James L. Reynal; Mr. & Mrs. Kent Baker, 3131 S. Calhoun Street; Mr. Bill Allen, 2931 Mardigras; Melba Baker, 6016 Lois Lane; Gina Mielki, 3045 St. Louis.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Mindy and I had a great trip to Israel in October! Much to my own surprise, I have decided to take a group over in January, 1986. Perhaps you are interested in going along! I'll have details available on Sunday, February 24, when Mindy and I show our slides after the luncheon. I hope you will come and check it out.

See you Sunday!

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REFUGEE SPONSORS NEEDED!

An Iranian family needs a church sponsor to come in to the U.S. He is 31 and a tutor. She is 21. They have a two year old. They speak a little english.

In order to sponsor them, we need a couple of people who will take primary responsibility for helping them get settled. Its a lot of work initially, but very rewarding. You can get an idea of the time involved by talking to Mike Mullen or Marlene Crouse. Call Dick Hamm if you are interested.

**That All
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John 10:10



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COMPASSION
One Great Hour of Sharing
February 17-24

YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE!

Everyone in the CYF who has a part in the Youth Sunday services (you know who you are!), needs to be at the church at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 16. We will be going over everyone's part, so BE THERE!

The CYF is asking your support for two fund raising events in the near future:

A CHILI and SOUP LUNCHEON will be served by the youth after church on February 24. Dick and Mindy Hamm will present a travelog of their trip to Israel last fall. You can reserve a place by calling the church office or by signing up next Sunday!

They are also having a ROCKATHON, wherein they rock in rocking chairs to earn pledges. So sign up after church or during coffee hour Sunday to sponsor one of our designated rockers!

SERVING FEBRUARY 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ken Perkins and
Bob Briggs

10:45 A.M. Ken Perkins and
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DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Creager-SW, A.
Clark-NW, K. Kerley, S. Mullen

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NE, D. Bennett, D. Orr, J. Briggs,
S. Jones

USHERS

8:15 A.M. Kevin Mory, Mark Zim-
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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. John & Kris Ohneck &
Bruce Lehman

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Aimee Pratt & Jimmy Davis
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Deb Rinker & Rosemary Krull

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BUS DRIVER

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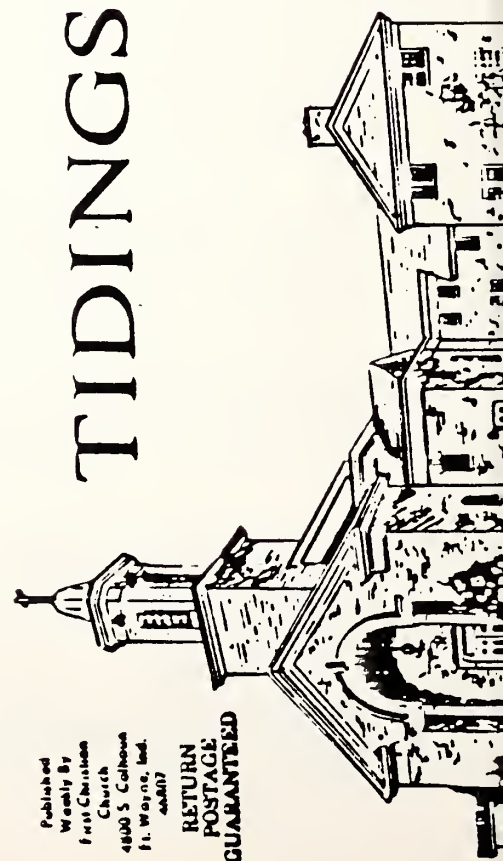
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SPECIAL LENTEN SERMON SERIES

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- April 7 - EASTER SUNDAY!

LUNCHEON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 WITH HAMMS' ISRAEL SLIDES

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WEEK OF COMPASSION

There is still time to make a gift to this most worthy of causes. Please bring or mail your gift this week.

PRAYER SERVICE - SUNDAYS - 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

This is not a preaching service, a Bible study, or a therapy session! It is 45 minutes of quiet prayer time. 45 minutes in which we can quietly lift up our hearts to God. Everyone is welcome to join the 30-40 of us who regularly participate.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: This Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Tuesday, February 26, 7:15 p.m., babysitting provided

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m., MCL

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee
CYF Rock-a-thon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Chili & soup luncheon/
Israel slides
3:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Extended Session Teachers
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
Meeting

7:15 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 P.M. Pastoral Relations Com-
mittee at MCL-Southtown

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

10:00 A.M. Vacation Bible School
Workshop at Salem UCC,
2401 Lake Avenue

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 1-7

Barb Busse(1)

Carl Linn(1)

Jerry Zimmerman(1)

Bueford Tharp(1)

Lea Baugher (2)

Frank Moody(2)

Myrtle Hendrick(3) Richard Hamilton(6)

Bill Johnson, 11(5) Bob Orr (7)

Benjamin McCarel(5) Cora Ann Harnish(7)

SYMPTAHY - Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Ulrich in the death of Robert last week. He lived in San Pedro, California and is a member at First Christian Church.

CHOIR SAYS THANK YOU

Thanks for supporting the choir bake sale Sunday, which bought 3 2/3 robes (266.00). We have \$1,250.00 to go. If you would like to purchase all (75.00) or part of a robe, please send your gift to the office marked "Choir robes". Thank you.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED - GREATLY

We frequently need transportation for individuals who wish to participate in choirs and other programs. If you would be willing to provide regular or occasional transportation, please call Dick Hamm. Thanks.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
2-17-85

Josie Quick, 7510 Lakeridge;
Miss Lindsey Edgar; Mrs. Jo Anne L. Mock, 708 Bond, N. Manchester; Clara Jimmerman, 703 N. Mill, N. Manchester; Mr. Carl Jimmerman, 933 Lake Avenue; Mr. Scott Morris, 4426 Beaver; Miss Rachel Hewett, 118 W. Leith, Miss Candida Nunez, 267 E. Congress; Miss Kim Kumer, 5421 S. Harrison; Miss Amy Simon, 4621 Lafayette Espl; Mr. Steve Lee, 2323 Broadway; Miss Jennifer Moses, 3335 McKinnie Street.

ALL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS!

There will be a meeting, Monday, February 27. Extended Session at 7:00; Sunday School at 7:30 p.m.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We are now beginning that part of the church year called Lent. This period of 6 weeks (40 days & Sundays) is patterned after Jesus 40 days in the wilderness. It is a time of reflection and repentance leading up to the joyous celebration of Easter.

Traditionally, people have thought of Lent as a time for "giving up" something as an act of devotion. That's a fine tradition, but I would also encourage you to do something positive to observe Lent. Most of us have already signed Lenten attendance cards stating that we will be in worship all six Sundays in Lent. In addition, I would like to suggest the following special disciplines:

Week 1 (February 24-March 2) - Read Mark; write 3 letters of thanks to persons who helped you along the way;

Week 2 (March 3-9) - Read Matthew; give a love token to a friend;

Week 3 (March 10-16) - Read Luke; visit 2 shut-ins;

Week 4 (March 17-23) - Read John; reestablish contact with 2 old friends;

Week 5 (March 24-30) - Read I & II Corinthians; seek reconciliation with 1 enemy;

Week 6 (March 31-April 6) - Read Galatians, Ephesians, & Colossians; make a lone gift to the Easter offering;

This should be a very significant time for us all spiritually. This way of preparing should help make it so.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I hope you can join us for soup and Israel slides this Sunday at noon!

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Saturday is the Rock-a-thon! Be here to rock or help those who rock. (Those who come to help will be off their rockers!)

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Sunday night, February 24, is record and tape night! Bring those records and tapes, and a few munchies, too! 5:30, as usual.

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Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and
Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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M. Crouse

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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
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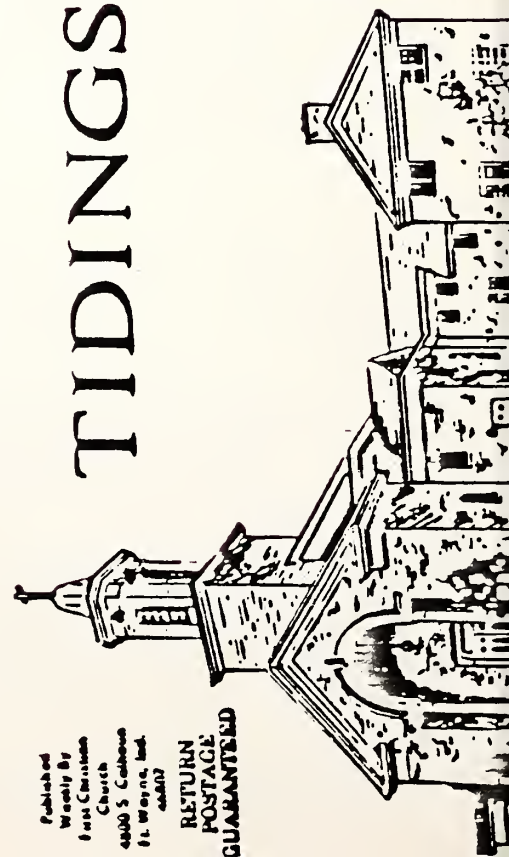
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 6:00 p.m. - bring one main dish and smaller dish for carry in dinner. Phyllis Fitch will be our speaker, giving a discussion and illustrated talk on stars. Following the banquet, we will go by bus to the planetarium at St. Francis College for the program. Please phone reservations to the church office by March 10, or sign up at church this Sunday!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - with the CWF Worship Committee in charge of the program.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 26 & 27 - CWF retreat at Barbee Camp from 6:00 Friday until 6:00 Saturday. Theme - "The Changing Role of Women and the Stresses Involved".

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - MAY BREAKFAST - 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 17 & 18 - CWF Garage Sale. Proceeds to missions. Save any saleable items as you do your spring cleaning.

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP

Tuesday, March 5, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., at the church. All cardio-vascular surgery patients welcome!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 7:30 P.M.

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MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at
Genevieve Ripple's,
3405 Central Drive
5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 8-14

Elizabeth Fletcher (8)

Jerry Warner (8)

Vada Tatman (8)

Rex Clifton (9)

Richard Dobson (10)

Kathleen Simon (10)

John Kelly (10)

Florence Palmer (12)

Kevin Mory (12)

Jean Chappell (12)

Mark Zimmerman (12)

Ethel Shroyer (14)

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT

Our Week of Compassion giving totaled \$1,305.00. Thanks to all who gave to this!

The Fort Wayne Literacy Council (Laubach Method) will hold a Tutor Training Workshop to train volunteers to become tutors of the functionally illiterate in our area on March 23rd and 30th. The time of the Workshop will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. For further information call Ruth Yost at 747-2817.

THANK YOU

The C.V.F. would like to thank everyone who supported us in our fund raising events of the past week-end, both the rock-a-thon on Saturday, and the soup luncheon on Sunday. The soup luncheon raised about \$120.00. Thank you.

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This Sunday, March 3, both groups will have their usual (unusual) meetings at 5:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED - GREATLY

We frequently need transportation for individuals who wish to participate in choirs and other programs. If you would be willing to provide regular or occasional transportation, please call Dick Hamm. Thanks.

SLIDESHOW REPEAT

If you did not see the "Vision 1984" slide presentation and wish to do so, please meet for the 10 minute presentation at 9:30 a.m. in fellowship hall this Sunday!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2-24-85

Tom & Marilyn Hornberger,
5109 Meadow Lane; Clyde & Joyce
Baker, 1001 Washington Street,
Newell, West Virginia; Miss
Michell Tomlinson, 5011 Wayne
Trace; Mr. Jeff Anderson, 4316
Mirada Drive.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

My goodness the choir sang beautifully Sunday! I have to admit that I've become dependent upon them for a large measure of my worship experience.

By the way, they still need money for robes. If you are going to buy a robe (\$75.00), now is the time to get your check in to the office. The new robes will be here in time for Easter and they still need money for about 12 robes. So, if they don't get it in gifts, they'll have to plan a fund raiser pronto!

We had a nice crowd for our Israel slides Sunday. If you are interested in going to Israel in January 1986 with me, call me for information now!

I'm looking forward to addressing the use of time Sunday. See you then!

Love, *Dick*

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION - ON BEING A YUPPIE

It's 1985, and behold, suddenly I'm designated a "yuppie". Unless I'm mistaken that means "Young Urban Professional", and refers to the bumper crop of babies born in the late 1940's and the 1950's.

I guess I do fall into that category. I'll flatter myself and assume I'm still relatively young; Fort Wayne can be considered an urban area; and the ministry is a profession. So I am one of those beings marked by ambition, upward mobility, and competitiveness. Yup!

Although I'm unsure as to what degree this fits, it does fit. I have ambitions (I'd rather call them "goals" or "dreams"); I certainly hope to better myself (in other ways than financial; but alas, that too); therefore I am, as these two confessions would dictate, competitive.

I believe these are natural feelings, and not necessarily negative. But sometimes the whole flock can't sit on the same telephone line. Some of us are going to get "squeezed out" of the competition for the top. Then what?

Mark Twain once wrote: "There isn't a parallel of latitude but thinks it would have been the equator if it had had its rights".

My guess is that personal ambition is a balancing act. Nothing is wrong with the top, but nothing is necessarily wrong with the lesser positions, either. It is a matter of being able to take oneself and one's dreams seriously without taking them fatally. Bitterness and acceptance are choices we make. (Read I Corinthians 13:4-7).

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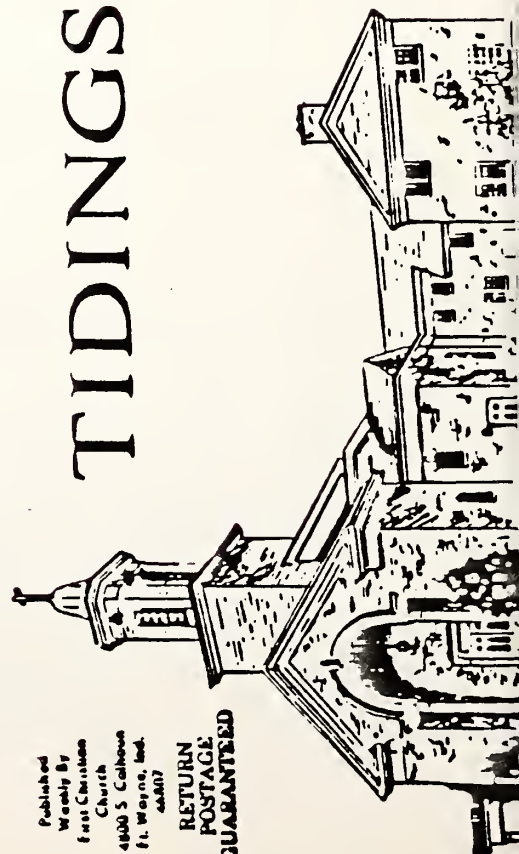
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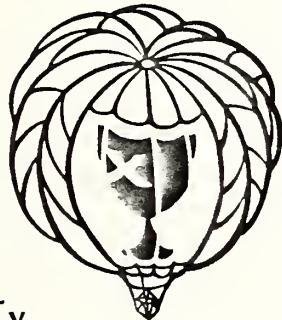
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold its 1985 General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa amid a "country fair" atmosphere. The pivotal Assembly, in which a new general minister and president will be elected, will feature family events, farm foods and crafts, as well as dealing with the world concerns of the day. "Dare to be Disciples" is the theme and the balloon is being used as a symbol of daring, soaring, uplift and freedom.

If you are interested in representing First Christian as a voting delegate, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

PRAYER SERVICE - SUNDAYS - 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

"Prayer, sometimes mistakenly considered the refuge of the weak, is actually the ultimate resource of the strong".

Brother Lawrence

FREE CANCER SCREENING CLINIC

On fourth Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., people unable to afford examinations are invited to come to the Matthew 25 Clinic. Call 426-3250 for appointment. Pap tests, hemoccult tests, oral screening, exams, and education are available.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - Cancelled on Tuesday, March 12

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at the Empire Restaurant at Times Corner
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 P.M. SPRING BANQUET

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 15-21

Tanya Creager (15)
Mike Akers (15)
Wayne Koehlinger (15)
Stephen Ludwig (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
George Bruckman (16)
Rex L. Clifton (16)
Robert Ogles (16)
Max Finkhousen (17)
Mike Novachcoff (17)
Edna Shoe (18)
Melanie Springer (19)
Vince Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
Brenda Kelly (21)

SYMPTAHY

Our hearts go out in love and prayer for the family of Myron Cole who died last week.

THANK YOU'S

We wanted to thank you all for your prayers and thoughts toward our journey to California. We had a wonderful relaxing trip out here. Couldn't have asked for more. The Lord was with us all the way and always will be. Again thank you.

Deb, Steve, & Adam White

It was exciting to have a brass quartet and the congregation joined organ and choir for the anthem this past Sunday. Many thanks to Dan Ross, Don Parlette, David Orr, and Mel Busse who played and to the choir family who sang. We are grateful also for Vee Parlette's sensitive offertory and Becca Olson's extraordinary solo!

NOTICE FROM CYF

The CYF will be taking orders for First Christian Church T-shirts after both services on March 10 & 17.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 3-3-85

Mr. Chris Mattes, 914 Nuttman Avenue; Mr. Andy Clark, 7214 Lemar Drive; Mrs. Betty J. Gay, 5602 S. Harrison St.; Miss Kristi Barrett, Woodburn Childrens Christian Home; Mrs. Laura May Hart, 1122 Breck St.; Mrs. Lela Wonnacott, 3614 S. Barr St.; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kampenga, 6916 Mohican Trail; Jennifer Vail, 2727-6 Northgate; Georgia Lancaster.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We hear a lot about "Christian joy". But while most deeply Christian people I know do spend a lot of time smiling, Christian joy is something deeper. In the face of all the bad news in our world, including famine, crime, racism, nuclear proliferation, war, etc. etc., Christian joy enables us to cope with it all, to be deeply concerned about it, to seek to alleviate it, and yet to remain hopeful. Christian joy enables us to see the world's problems, and our own problems, as opportunities for the Kingdom to enter the world. Far from a mindless smile plastered on one's face and obliviousness to the pain within and around us, true Christian joy gives us the power to live with hope and to struggle with confidence. How's your Christian joy quotient? It has a lot to do with your regular exercise of the Spiritual discipline.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I think the Cub Scouts are great and some of my best friends are Scout Executives, just in case anyone wondered!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 6:00 p.m. - bring one main dish and smaller dish for carry in dinner. Phyllis Fitch will be our speaker, giving a discussion and illustrated talk on stars. Following the banquet, we will go by bus to the planetarium at St. Francis College for the program. Please phone reservations to the church office by March 10, or sign up at church this Sunday!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - with the CWF Committee in charge of the program.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 26 & 27 - CWF retreat at Barbee Camp from 6:00 Friday until 6:00 Saturday. Theme - "The Changing Role of Women and the Stresses Involved".

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - MAY BREAKFAST - 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 17 & 18 - CWF Garage Sale. Proceeds to missions. Save any saleable items as you do your spring cleaning.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED - GREATLY

We frequently need transportation for individuals who wish to participate in choirs and other programs. If you would be willing to provide occasional transportation, please call Dick Hamm. Thanks.

THANK YOU - The family of Myron Cole wishes to thank you for the many expressions of sympathy and for the dinner and other expressions of kindness shown.

Candace Cole

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B. Grimm
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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
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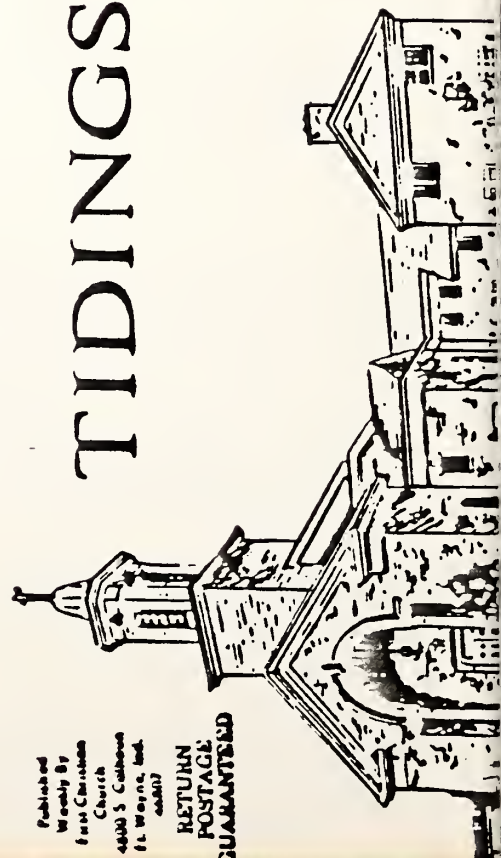
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PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

The present by-laws read: (Page 4)

II. Organization

c. Other Elected Members

- i. Sixteen members of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the Lay Personnel Committee and the congregation in a competitive election.

Four of these shall be elders, four shall be deacons, four shall be deaconesses, and four shall be members of the congregation-at-large.

The Lay Personnel Committee is proposing that the phrase "in a competitive election" be deleted. This would result in a slate of 2 elders, 2 deacons, 2 deaconesses, and 2 members of the congregation-at-large.

This change would allow the Lay Personnel Committee to more consistently nominate the most appropriate nominee for a specific office according to his/her interests and expertise. In addition it would help the nominee feel more comfortable in consenting to be nominated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dick and Judy Mey united with F.C.C. by transfer from the Presbyterian Church (Dick) and the Christian Church (Judy) in Chester, West Virginia. They live at 7414 Old Trail Road, 46809. Phone: 747-0664. We're delighted to have you with us, Dick & Judy.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Anticipated income as of 2-28: 29,824.80
- Actual income as of 2-28: 29,970.51
- Budgeted outgo as of 2-28: 29,824.80
- Actual outgo as of 2-28: 28,686.33

NEEDED - General Assembly delegates for Des Moines, August 2-7. This is a great opportunity to see the larger church at work!

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1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Carillon Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 P.M. S.W. Diaconate Group
at Betty Briggs, 5807
Fernwood Avenue

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the
church

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 22-28

Julia Breta (22)
Christine Dailey (22)
Pearl Heidecker (22)
Tom Banet (22)
Steve Grimm (23)
Terry King (23)
Bob Pauley (23)
Margaret Love (24)
John Glasgow (24)
Rosemary Krull (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Bob Briggs (26)
Ed Hall (27)
Margaret Beachley (27)
Kim Borton (28)
Jim Buchanan (28)
Lelia Arnos (28)
Linda Hendrickson (28)

CHANCEL CHOIR

Practice- 1:00-4:00 - March 16
for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thurs-
day, and Easter.

Dinner Party afterwards!

CAR WASH!!

Bring your car to the church
Saturday, March 16, from 9:00
a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a good
scrub by the CYF. (Unless it
rains! Then come on March 23!)

Next Sunday is the last date
to order your F.C.C. T-shirt.
The cost is \$6.00. Just ask
any CYF'er. They will be tak-
ing orders in the fellowship
hall after the worship services.

HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKSHOP

This workshop will educate
us to the problem as it exists
nationally and locally. It is
Saturday, March 23, 9:00-1:00
p.m., at Grace St. Johns UCC,
4120 S. Webster. Call 745-
4951 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY THE CHURCH

OFFICE: to run errands occa-
sionally or to occasionally
provide transportation for
people to through- the- week
programs. Call Dick (744-3239)
if you can help.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 3-10-85

Andy Gabet, 2601 Terrance Rd.;
Danny Bateman, 1711 Reckweg Rd.;
Mr. Doug Bateman, 2021 Randall
Rd.; Mrs. Cari Baker, 7501 Ideal
Dr., #14; Mrs. Lyvonne Dyer, 310
W. Berry; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen
Cobb, Mark & Alissa, 11302 Haver-
stick Road, Carmel, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Someone left me a note Sunday suggesting a better title for my sermon would have been "Udder Destruction". I love it! We had another beautiful Sunday and a fine turn out for worship. I hope you were there to hear the music!

Great news! An anonymous gift of \$900.00 has paid off the balance on the choir robes. I told Helen we had received the check, and the next day the robes arrived! Doesn't the Lord have fantastic timing?!

I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the congregation for the excellent stewardship you are displaying. We are beginning to print a monthly report to inform you of our progress through the year. It's great to be able to begin with a very positive report.

I hope you're reading those daily devotionals the membership department sent to you. They are excellent.

See you Sunday! "Spiritual Discipline and Thanksgiving".

Love,

Dick

P.S. The U.S.D.A. is one of my favorite government agencies, actually!

Riddle:

What can leap high fences like a deer? Run cross country like a gazelle? Dance till midnight like Cinderella? Sing all four parts of the Hallelujah Chorus at the same time from memory?

Answer:

A choir director who has just been told that there has been an anonymous gift to cover the balance needed to robe the choir!

There are no words. Many thanks to all those who have given, and who have by so doing, tangibly expressed their confidence in the music ministry of this church. Our prayer is that we may live up to this high, positive, loving mandate.

The choir has several projects underway which now can be used to undergird other needs of the music department.

Gratefully,

The Chancel Choir, Helen, and Jerry

PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAYS, 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

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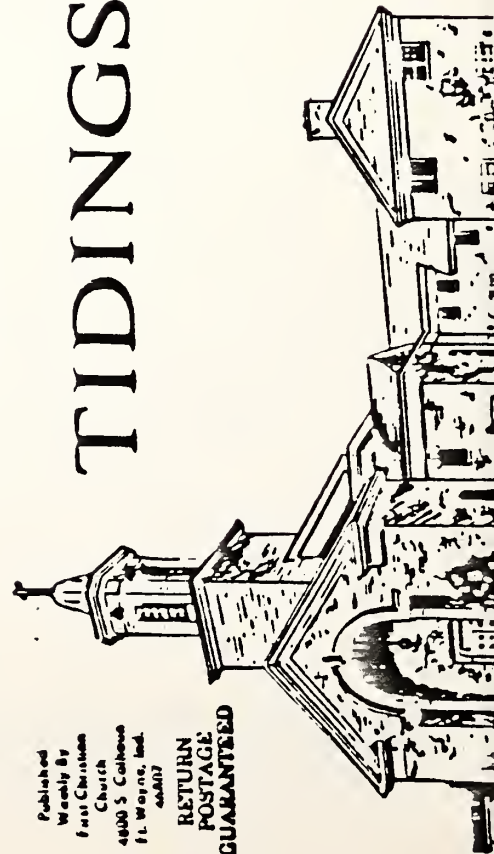
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Sherry Lytle, 311 S. Cornell Circle, 46807, phone 745-5233, made her confession of faith Sunday. Her baptism will be on Easter Sunday. We welcome Sherry and her two sons to our fellowship!

D.M.A. GROUP POTLUCK AND TOUR OF LINCOLN MUSEUM

The D.M.A. will meet on Tuesday, March 26, at 12:00 noon for a potluck followed by a tour of the Lincoln Museum. Bring a friend!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
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MONDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. BACE Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck & Tour
of Lincoln Museum

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

11:30 A.M. Sacrificial Luncheon

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER March 29-April 4

Maude Donohue (29)
Sylvia Smith (29)
Nancy Wyant (30)
Pam Akers (30)
Connie Wells (30)
Bill Urich (31)
Paul Ventes (1)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Tom Knuckles (1)
Marshall Smith (2)
Sylvia Engle (3)
Anna Chasar (3)
Stella Houk (4)
Wes Westerfield (4)
Phyllis Fitch (4)

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - MARCH 30

The Sacrificial Luncheon will be on Saturday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. Vee Parlette and the CWF Worship Committee are in charge of the program.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your telephone calls, visits, and flowers while I have been sick. Leon and I both have missed being at church and Sunday School. I hope we can see you again in the near future.

CYF SLAVE DAY!

You can rent a young, strong CYF'er Saturday, March 30, to do some babysitting, or yard work, house cleaning, or for help on that special get ready for spring project! We can only accept a limited number of projects, so call the church and reserve a CYF'er today! Donations will go toward an upcoming CYF trip.

ALL CYF PEOPLE: BUILDING TOMORRO

The CYF Regional Assembly is coming up! It will be in Anderson, IN, April 19, 20, & 21. The cost will be \$30 for registration, housing, and meals; we will be arranging transportation. Call the church office or bring your registration fee in as soon as possible! This is a fun, inspiring event, and registrations will need to be in by April 7, Easter Sunday!

CHI RHO NEWS!

The Chi Rho fellowship elected officers for the rest of the year. They are-President: Dawn "Curl" Bradford; Vice-President: Tammy Ott; Treasurer: Mark Zimmerman.

Next Sunday, March 24 will be a regular meeting. We are planning a trip to the movies for March 30!

INTERESTED IN GOING TO ISRAEL?

If you are interested in going with Dick Hamm January 28, 1986, call him today for details. Now is the time to make your interest known.

BY-LAWS PROPOSED CHANGE

The proposed change in last week's Tidings will be considered by the Board at the April 9 Board meeting. Comments from the congregation should be shared with any Board member before April 9.

HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY

Grace-St. John's UCC (4120 S. Wester) is sponsoring this workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 23. Register by calling Dick Hamm or 745-4951. Child care is available. Expert speakers will be present.

EXTRA PARKING AVAILABLE

The city has suspended no parking zones on streets for Sunday morning worship, so feel free to park on the streets around the church. Isn't it great to have a full parking lot!

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE - APRIL 4 - 7:30 P.M.

Maundy Thursday literally means "Mandate Thursday" recalling the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, "Do this in remembrance of me". Disciples observe this every Sunday, but Maundy Thursday is special, for it is a re-living of that Last Supper.

With this in mind, Passion Readings will be used to recall scripturally that last evening with the Twelve. A Passion Reading is simply the reading of scripture by the characters who would have spoken it. It is not meant to be a play, nor is it theatrical, although it can be. There is no need for sets or costuming. It is spoken scripture rather than read scripture.

Passion Readings were an ancient practice of the early Church, just as was the singing of Pralons. In this way the events of the Passion come alive, even to the singing of the Psalm some authorities say Jesus and his Disciples sang before "they went out" from the Upper Room.

We invite you to be a part of this service April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

PIANOS & ROBES AVAILABLE

The Music Department will be selling three old pianos and old choir robes. If interested, please contact Helen Donnell (432-0152) this week!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Gary Hall (son of Ed & Rosalie) and Cindy Lake were united in marriage Saturday, March 16!

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Mr. & Mrs. Bruce & Mary Ann Dukeman, Molly, Ellen, & Annette, 5720 Burnham Woods Lane.

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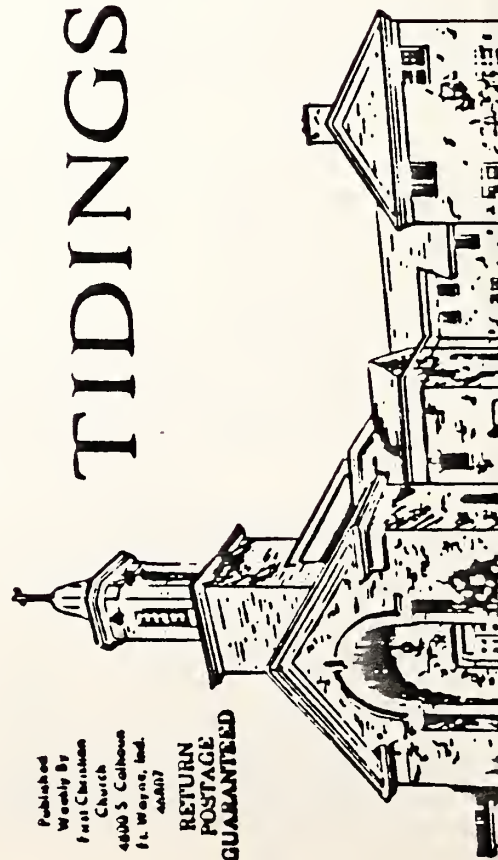
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SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 P.M. BACE CLASS
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace
Truby/Mabel Watson's,
440 Englewood Court
7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

12:00 NOON PRAYER CHAIN BEGINS
1:30 P.M. Good Friday Service at
Grace St. John's

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 A.M. Carillon Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 5-11

Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)
Reba Fussleman (6)
Scott Keebortz (6)
Teresa Meadows (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Gary Helmke (7)
Ann Sands (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Bud Ludwig (10)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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Miss Leslie Mills, P.O. Box 263,
Union City, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Muth.

DRAMA PRACTICE FOR SUNRISE SERVICE
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30 AT 6:00 P.M.

NO YOUTH GROUPS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31!

During March 27-April 8,
Diane Johnson (church secre-
tary) will be on vacation. The
pastors have asked Sandy Zim-
merman to be in the office
mornings during Diane's absence.

PALM SUNDAY: Procession of
Palms, Special Music, Sermon:
Spiritual Discipline & Worship
(John 4:23-24).

THE CELEBRATION will prac-
tice at 6:15 p.m. this Thurs-
day instead of at 5:00 p.m.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR is encour-
aged to bring folders to the
balcony a few minutes before
7:00 p.m. in order to practice
with the children.

THE CARILLON will not prac-
tice this Sunday but will prac-
tice April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

The ancient Tenebrae service
dates back to the early days
of the Church. Coming from
the Latin word meaning "shadows"
or darkness, Tenebrae depicts
through the extinguishing of
candles and the dimming of
lights the flight of the dis-
ciples and the approaching
crucifixion.

We will be using 9 candles
all except one recalling ele-
ments of human weakness in the
events preceding the crucifix-
ion, and all except one remind-
ing us of our own human weak-
nesses which cause us to deny,
betray, convict, and crucify
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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We will be doing SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday -7:30 p.m., Good Friday-1:30 p.m. (Grace St. John's UCC), Easter Sunrise-6:30 a.m., and two full Easter morning services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

I hope you will be present to benefit from these events and to support our musicians, dramatists, and others working hard to make these possible! These services will be a delight and a blessing to you!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

TELEPHONE MINISTRY

The Membership Committee is beginning a telephone ministry at First Christian Church. The idea is that persons who live alone and do not have a daily contact with someone (work, family member, friend, neighbor) receive a call at a given time each day simply to check and make sure that all is well (accidents and sudden illnesses do happen). If you would like to receive such a call or be a caller in this program and have not been contacted, please call Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or the church office.

SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON

One of the highlights of the Easter Season is always the Sacrificial Luncheon. This year's luncheon is this Saturday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m. Vee Parlette and her C.W.F. Worship Committee are in charge of a very special and inspiring worship service. In addition to Vee, the committee consists of Mildred Hartman, Gwynth Rice, Mabel Watson, and Janet Weicker. The Fellowship Guild is in charge of the luncheon itself and decorations. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare yourself for Holy Week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - con't. from page 2

Christ in effect yet today. In the darkness at the end of the service, only one candle remains burning, the light of our Lord which can never be extinguished.

The scriptures, the music, the prayers will all be directed toward remembrance and recognition so that we might by this participation be drawn into a closer relationship with Him.

THERE WILL BE NO PRAYER SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY

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terfield, J. Lindsay, J. Jones,
K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell
10:45 A.M. Wayne & Liz Johnson

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & Jennifer Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eileen Klepfer & Mildred Tharp

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Connie Wells & Sherry Lytle

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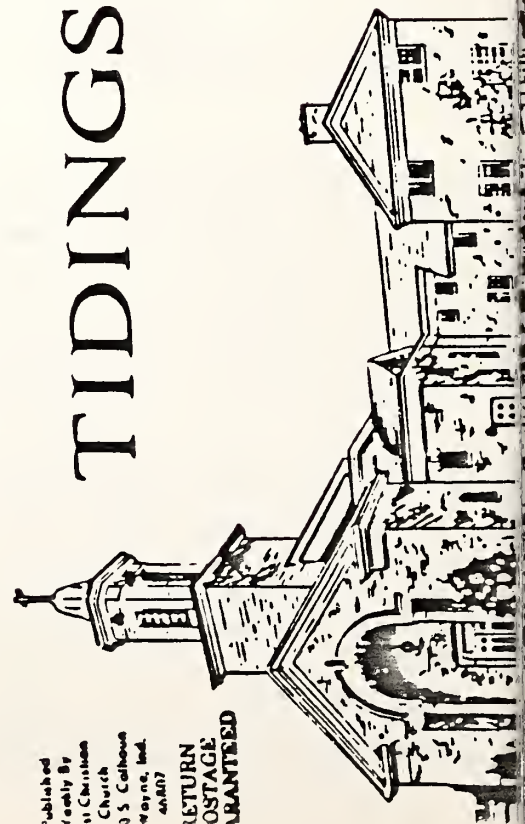
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LENTEN SERMON SERIES

April 7 - EASTER SUNDAY!

PRAYER CHAIN

This year we again will have a continuous prayer chain. Beginning at 12:00 noon Good Friday until 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. We encourage all of you to sign up for one or more of the 30 minute time slots. The poster is on display at the church. Security guards will be there during the hours of darkness.

SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

What a wonderful time Easter! We will end our prayer chain at 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. At 6:30 we will have a brief but meaningful Sunrise Service followed at 7:15 by a Sunrise Breakfast. It is a wonderful experience, and we invite one and all to join us for both the Sunrise Service and Breakfast.

"LILIES TO LOAN"

Remember our Sanctuary last year? It was just beautiful, our chancel was filled with lovely lilies. If you have an Easter Lily that you would be willing to loan the church for Easter Sunday, please call the church office. You may also donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Lilies will cost \$8.50 if you want to donate one. Make checks payable to First Christian Church but please mark it "Lilies". Lilies may be picked up after second worship service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tammy Ott and Michelle Stam came forward to make their confession of faith this Sunday. They will be baptized on Easter Sunday.

ATTENTION PARENTS

All parents with children who participate in the extended session program, please note that this Sunday, Easter Sunday, has been designated as a family service. The Christian Education Committee believes that children can benefit from sharing in a full worship service with their families on special occasions. Please prepare your children ahead of time and plan to worship together as a family this week. There will be no extended session class for K-1st grades. Supervision will be provided after the sermonette in their usual classroom for those 3 & 4 year old children who may require it.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 A.M. Carillon Choir

6:00 P.M. Drama Practice

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 A.M. PRAYER CHAIN ENDS

6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service

7:15 A.M. Sunrise Breakfast

8:15 A.M. First Worship

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning

Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at
Morgan's Restaurant

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

5:00 P.M. The Celebration

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 12-18

Becky Glasgow (12)

Bud O'Laughlin (13)

Phyllis Tobias (13)

John Merrill Jr. (13)

Ferne Strole (14)

Golden Rose (14)

Kathryn Cullen (14)

Ruth Yost (15)

Richard Jackson (16)

Aimee Pratt (16)

Lillian Busse (17)

Nick Keirn (17)

Ed Woolridge (17)

CONGRATULATIONS

Ted & Teri Pfenning are the proud new parents of an 8lb. 8 oz. baby boy. His name is Matthew. Brother Christopher is very proud!

Cecil & Almeda Rice celebrated their 50th anniversary March 30!

FROM THE CHOIR

Rax bucks are being sold by the Chancel Choir until April 25th. Rax bucks can be redeemed in any quantity on a dollar for dollar basis. So instead of paying your dollars to Rax Restaurant direct, see a choir member and give them the dollar in exchange for a Rax buck. There is no expiration date on the Rax bucks. This fund raising event is to provide storage for our beautiful choir robes, which you have so generously provided the Chancel Choir. Thanks to you all!!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

June 1 - mark your calendar!

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DRAMA PRACTICE

FOR SUNRISE SERVICE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 6 AT 6:00 P.M.

Because this Sunday is Easter Sunday there will be no Carrillon Choir, Youth Groups will not be meeting and there will not be a Prayer Service.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As it alternates today (Monday) twix snow, rain and sun, I share with you this Easter meditation from my good friend, John McInnis, of First Christian, Jefferson City, Missouri.

REFLECTIONS-Thus we've come to that grand anachronism: which is April, which is Holy Week, which is Spring, which is hope. All is out of time, out of place, uncertain as to whether to come in or not, or go out.

For instance: our (in?) famous Missouri weather. One day (as is this one in which I am writing) calls on all the summery images of greening leaves and that wonderful fragrance of earth freshly turned. Before the sun has set winter grips us by the throat again and draws us back into the chilled darkness, reminiscent of February's clutch. And then, in the night, miracles again, and birds awaken us next morning to more promise.

How appropriately Holy Week comes in this uncertain season, as if reliant upon the changing moods of weather to set the grander stage upon which Jesus makes his entry. Was it a triumph or not? - as we remember the hollowness of that greeting in the face of Friday's execution.

If we can't figure the motives of the season, how then are we better at figuring our own motives? Or those of anyone else? Anyone, that is, but God's? It's become pretty clear, spring or winter, seedtime or harvest, what he's about. His love pursues us across every indication to the contrary - even when the wind sends you dashing to the house to stand by the fire.

Sunday will be a glorious Day! See you then.

Love,

Dick

P.S. A Word to Inactive Members

O.K., so it's been maybe years since you've been to church....so what? What better Sunday to come back and worship than Easter Sunday?! Don't feel shy or embarrassed, or anything else. Just come and worship with us this Sunday! You're always welcome home!

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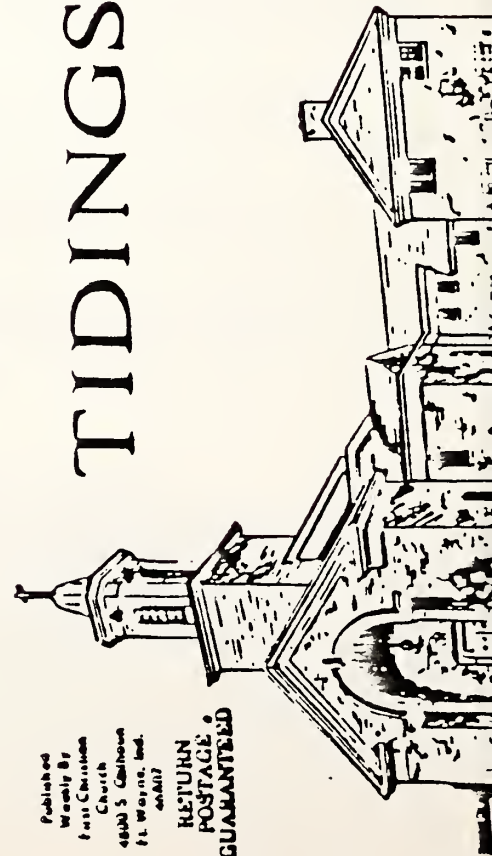
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WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

On Easter Sunday, David Orr and Jeanetta Lahmeyer transferred their membership to First Christian Church. David lives with his parents, Bob and Loretta. Jeanetta lives at 2100 St. Mary's Avenue 46808, phone number is 426-8567.

Dawn Bradford made her confession of faith in the baptistry. She lives at 1006 Nuttman Avenue 46807, phone number is 744-2119. Also baptized on Easter were Mrs. Sherry Lytle, Tammy Ott, and Michelle Stam.

Congratulations to you all, and welcome to our family of faith!

RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Please call or otherwise communicate your reservation (since meals are involved) to Dick Hamm by this Sunday evening. This is a great opportunity! Sponsored by Associated Churches' Peace Education Commission.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

2:00 P.M. Chi Rho Skating Party
SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. CYF Group

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:00 P.M. The Celebration

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir practice
at First Baptist Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:30 A.M. South Diaconate at the
Ohneck's, 4214 Mirada
Drive

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 19-25

Iva Imbody (19)

David Moody (19)

Arlene Downes (20)

Robby Pauley (20)

Myra Steigerwald (20)

Julia Hendricks (21)

Gail Poe (21)

Karen Zimmerman (21)

Opal Carper (21)

Sherri Melchi (22)

Dean Howard (22)

Jack Hayes (22)

Joe Snouffer (23)

Patrice Stucker (23)

Becca Olson (23)

Richard Mey (23)

Grady Vanderwall (24)

Pevera Harter (24)

Diane Friemuth (16) (omitted in last
weeks Tidings)

LILY DONATIONS

Jack & Bette Jones in memory
of Dorothy Jones & Jack Ger-
rard; Jim & Julie Sherman; Bill
Lehman in memory of Marge Leh-
man; Lillian Busse in memory
of Grandpa Busse and Great
Grandpa King, from the grand-
children; Robert Hendricks in
memory of Mr. & Mrs. Simon
Hendricks; Jean McGrew; Helen
Sheerin in memory of Cleo B.
Sheerin; Grant & Jessie Fern
Woodward in memory of Linda
Kirtley; Lucile Branstrator;
Delores Keebortz.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the ladies of the
church who gave their time to
make the baptismal robes or
help on this project. The
ladies were: Bev Hendricks,
Laura York, Grace Truby, Eli-
nor Place, Gini Brown, and Min-
dy Hamm. Thanks on a job well
done!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-7-85

Miss Glenda Ohneck & Heather,
631 Tennessee Ave.; Abigail
Nahrwold, 14805 Coldwater Rd.;
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Polk, 6510
Covington Rd.; Mr. John Hine,
1622½ Boone St.; Mrs. Rick
Slatton, 1625 Boone St.; Mr.
Robert Kempton, 2907 Westbrook
Dr.; Mr. John Tamlinson, 345
W. Maple Grove Ave.; Mrs. De-
loris Fleck, Columbia City;
Mr. & Mrs. David Moody, R.R. 1,
Beeton, Ontario Logaiao; Miss
Lizzie Moody; Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Valencia, 3063 Vintow Circle,
Kokomo, IN; Stan & Betty De-
Witt, Papingeau, ILL; Mr. Joe
Wagoner, R.R. #5, Columbia City.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a glorious day Easter! In our three services, we had 600 in attendance! Thanks to everyone who made the day possible including the Holy Spirit (does nice work, don't you think?), the beautiful choirs, the dramatists, the cooks, the committees, the artists, the staff, and the congregation! I hope you were there! May the power of the resurrection experience fill your life with hope!

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

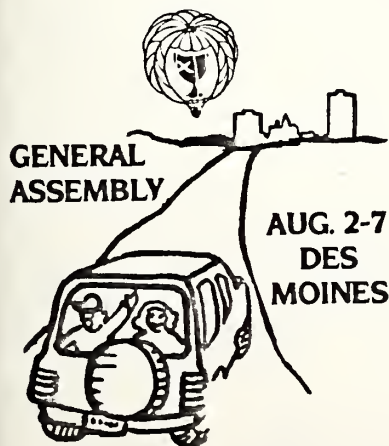
P.S. I'll be preaching on "Black Holes" Sunday. Does that spark your curiosity?

CONGRATULATIONS ERIC ZIMMERMAN

Eric has been named the Raymond McCallister Fellow at Eureka College. This means a four-year full tuition scholarship for him. Eric has decided to study for the ministry. We rejoice in his decision and his being named a Fellow at Eureka! Eureka College is a four year liberal arts school of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is a highly rated college. Raymond McCallister is a retired minister from the St. Louis area, in whose honor the Fellowship was established. Eureka is near Peoria. Eureka's most famous alumnus is Ronald Reagan.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING

Would you be interested in becoming a spiritual director? That is, one who assists others in their spiritual journey? A week long training event is being offered June 9-14 by the Christian Church. It is also an excellent event for one's own spiritual development. If interested in more information, call Dick Hamm.



Disciples will be holding their every-other-year General Assembly in Des Moines this year, on an occasion that will be significant for the future of the church. Among other things, Disciples will vote on a new general minister and president to succeed the retiring Kenneth Teegarden.

NEW CHILDREN'S GROUP!

A Junior Youth Fellowship group will have two special meetings this spring. The first will be on Tuesday, April 16, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. This is for children grades 1 to 5. Hope you can make it!

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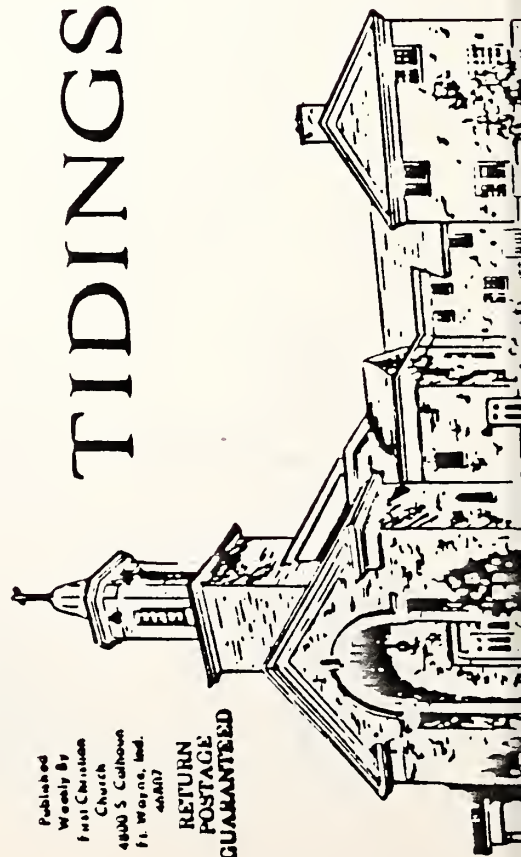
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Please call or otherwise communicate your reservation (since meals are involved) to Dick Hamm by this Sunday evening. This is a great opportunity! Sponsored by Associated Churches' Peace Education Commission.

CWF SPRING WORKSHOP

The CWF Spring Workshop will be Sunday, April 28 at North Christian Church from 2:30 - 7:15 p.m. The workshop is planned especially for CWF Officers, Chairman, and Group Leaders for 1985-86 that will be of interest to all CWF Personnel.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:25 A.M. Congregational Meeting
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World Meeting
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
8:00 P.M. Long Range Planning Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 P.M. CWF Retreat at Barbee

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER April 26-May 1
Helen Reynolds (27)
Jessie Fern Woodward (28)
Mildred Hutchinson (30)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

4-14-85

B.J. Sheehan, 1505 Archer Avenue;
Tomi Fry; David McCoy, Dayton, OH;
Edith & Diane Amstutz, Archbold,
OH; Mr. John Eakin, 1216 W. Packard.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23....

Bread For The World.....6:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings.....7:00 p.m.
Long Range Planning Com...8:00 p.m.

THANKS

Thanks to Sandy Zimmerman who filled the secretary's role during Diane Johnson's vacation.

PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAYS - 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

To leave misunderstood and untrained a power of capable of such high uses is a spiritual tragedy.

Saturn Christian Church will be using our baptistry at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

CARILLON CHOIR

The Carillon will not meet this week because of the Ecumenical Choir Festival Sunday evening. It will resume practice April 28 at 4:00 p.m.

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT - SOMETHING WORTH SINGING

Ecumenical Choir Festival
April 21, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield
An offering will be received.
Babysitting will be available.

YOUTH NEWS.....

Chi Rho will be meeting Sunday at 5:30 p.m. There will be no CYF because of the CYF Regional Assembly.

DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! Our Bibletimes Marketplace Vacation Bible School will be June 17 to 21.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY LUNCHEON

The Church Women United May Fellowship Luncheon this year will be held on Friday, May 3, at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East. The program is entitled "Our Piece of the Action". Speakers will be Dorothea Fry and Beth Phillips. Cost of the luncheon is \$3.50. Make your reservations (with your check made payable to Church Women United) in the church office or to Miriam Bixenman before April 24. Child care is available, but you will need to bring a sack lunch for your child.

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MAY BREAKFAST

Our annual May Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. The program will include the election of our new CWF officers for 1985-86, as well as a guest speaker, Ellen Culpepper, of the Board of Church Finance, Indianapolis. Ellen is an ordained minister and is very knowledgeable of the scriptures and the work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Her theme will be "The Christian/God's Steward". Be sure to save the date. Come and bring your friends. This is one of the highlights of our CWF year.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Anticipated income as of 3-31:	\$48,465.56
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Budgeted outgo as of 3-31:	48,465.56
Actual outgo as of 3-31:	42,764.48

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DON'T MENTION AGE TUESDAY, NOON, APRIL 23

A potluck at noon followed by a presentation on Home Security. Bring a friend!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was amused/distressed by the story (Sunday Journal Gazette) of the people of an Evansville Church that rejected a candidate for ministry due to "inexperience". The man is 51 years old. He has worked at the conference level of the Methodist Church for many years. The congregations pulpit committee (eight people) could have accepted or rejected the appointment of this pastor. Six of the eight approved the appointment, so he will be coming as pastor. One of the two who voted against the man because of "inexperience" said he would "never set foot in that church again". Rather a violent reaction to "inexperience", don't you think? Of course, the real objection was that this 51 year old pastor happens to be black.

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Racism is often this obvious. We need to have eyes with which to see it in ourselves as well as in others. See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "A Woman's Place In The Church"

SERVING APRIL 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, E. Conrad-NW, B. Grimm, M. Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. M. Hamm-SW, B. Haines-NW, B. Kerley-SE, S. Kerley-NE, G. Falbe, M. Callahan, M. Finkhousen, L. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, J. Lindsay, J. Jones, K. Mory

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

ACOLYTES

Amy Hayes & Chanel Novachcoff

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Ken & Elinor Place

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Rinker & Rosemary Krull

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D. Vanderwall - J. Hahn

C. Olson - V. Brown

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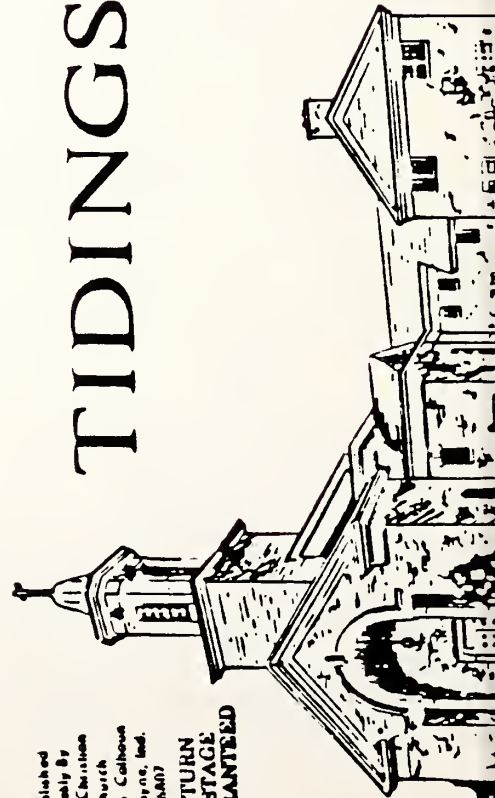
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This meeting was postponed until this Sunday, April 28 to allow for proper notification of the congregation. The slate is as follows: Moderator-Judy Church; Vice Moderator-Bill Franklin; Secretary-Laura York (1 year); Treasurer-Merle Grimm; Memorial Funds Treasurer-Sam Hayes; Stewardship-Ralph Church; Personnel-Chip Olson (1 year); Worship-Delores Keebortz (1 year); Membership-Miriam Bixenman; Property-Dick Vanderwall; Board of Elders-Jack Weicker; Elder Representative to the Board-Mark Snyder, Mildred Hartman, and Joe Fitch (1 year); Deacon Representative to the Board-John Ohneck, Betty Grimm, Eileen Klepfer, and Ray Stover; Congregation at Large Representative to the Board-Vince Wells and Gini Brown; Lay Personnel-Mildred Hartman, Rolland Ripple, Ruby Mowery, and Dave Kreischer; Elders-Miriam Bixenman, Bill Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Liz Johnson, Joe Fitch, Sam Hayes, Chip Olson, and Janet Weicker; Diaconate-Betty Grimm, Mindy Hamm, Ruby Mowery, Schellie Schell, Beth Wiltfong, Shirley Callahan, Jane Hahn, John Briggs, Mike Callahan, Curt Miller, John Ohneck, Earl Snouffer, Ray Stover, Kevin Tobias, Wes Westerfield, John Kelly, and John Clevenger (1 year). Nominations can be made from the floor provided the nominee has given his/her consent.

MAY BREAKFAST

Don't forget to sign up at church next Sunday or call Kris Ohneck or the church office to sign up for the annual CWF May Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge for this breakfast, but we do need to know how many to prepare for. Ellen Culpepper, Director of Stewardship Development at the Board of Mission Finance will be our speaker. Ellen is an ordained minister and a talented speaker. We will also be electing CWF officers for 1985-86. Come and bring a friend for this highlight in our CWF year.

GARAGE SALE

The CWF is sponsoring an all church garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18. As you do your spring cleaning, be sure to save saleable items (gadgets, dishes, kitchen equipment, furniture, linens, clothing (especially children's) etc. and bring them to the church by May 15. We also will be having a bake shop, so we need all kinds of baked goods. In addition, there will be a snack bar both days, so come and have lunch. Help is also needed, so notify Kris Ohneck or Edna Nordblom, general chairmen, if you can help!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. CWF Spring Workshop
at North Christian
Church
4:00 P.M. Carillon Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 P.M. S.W. Diaconate Group
at Rosemary Krull's,
3466 S. Washington Rd.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Esther
Whitton's, 3308 S.
Clinton Street

5:00 P.M. The Celebration

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:30 A.M. May Breakfast

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER MAY 2-8

Virginia Brown (2)
Mabel Cross (2)
Mike Byers (2)
Alyce Fuchshuber (2)
Inez Petty (3)
Larry Busse (3)
Sharon Christoules (4)
Arza Smith (4)
Helen Steigerwald (4)
Ray Stover (4)
Helen Clymore (5)
Edna Johnson (5)
Lea Jackson (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)
Dave Arnos (7)
Troy Pratt (7)
Jackie Keller (8)
Dick Vanderwall (8)
Irene Wooldridge (8)

SYMPATHY

Our prayers go up for the family of Kenneth Allen who died last week.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-21-85

Miss Becky Davis, 4130 Arlington Avenue; Miss Linda Adams, Mr. Mat Grimme, & Miss Melissa Grimme, 4632 Lafayette Esp.; Mr. T.H. Ogles, Long Beach, CA; Mr. M. T. Ogles, Danville, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Austin Herst, Box 233, Ewing, MO; Miss Barbara Dudding, 725 W. Wildwood Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. William Plassman, 510 W. Main, Leipsy, OH.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

All adults and high school youth are invited to come to Fellowship Hall this Sunday, April 28, 9:40 a.m. to meet with Dr. Kurien of Madras, India. He is a Christian and a professor of economics here in the States this year to teach at Christian Theological Seminary. This promises to be a most informative session!

YOUTH NEWS.....

Chi Rho & CYF will meet this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

AREA NEWS

Don McCord (West Creighton) Avenue Christian) will receive his Dr. of Ministry degree from Christian Theological Seminary this spring. Congratulations, Don.

Harold Cline, formerly senior pastor here, will move in May from South Bend to Amarillo, Texas to become Hi Plains Area Minister.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Peter, Paul, & Mary wrote and sang songs which helped bring me to social consciousness back in the 60's. Their music fired some of my passion for justice. So when they came to town a few weeks ago, twenty years later, I had to see them.

It was an emotional evening for me. I was overjoyed to hear them sounding as good as ever....it spoke to me of permanence and of the fact that 37 is not so far removed from 17. I was ambivalent about the fact that they are near 50.....on the one hand, time passes too quickly ("man flourishes like a flower of the field, for the wind passes over it and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" - Ps. 103) and like the answers to so many questions, we "blow in the wind". But on the other hand, they are still writing and singing new songs which reflect that they have not just aged, they have grown with the passing of time.

I was saddened by the loss of a time (the 60's) when issues seemed clearer and there was that glorious sense of power and belonging that came with being part of a generation that believed it was going to change the world.

It was an emotional evening for me.

Upon reflection, I am mellow for, yes, time passes quickly, but I have not been standing still. I am a much stronger person now that I was then. My generation is changing the world in some good ways. Most importantly, Peter, Paul, and Mary and I and everyone else sharing this planet are brothers and sisters, and we have the privilege and challenge of living in the "here and now", which is always the cutting edge of the Kingdom! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Tune in again next year when Buffalo Bob and Howdy Doody visit Fort Wayne.

PREMARITAL SEMINAR OFFERED

Once again, Steve Harter, Don McCord, and Dick and Don are offering a premarital seminar Sunday, May 5, 2:30 - 8:00 p.m., at First Christian. This seminar is required for those wishing to be married here, and it is helpful for anyone contemplating marriage. Call Dick or Don to register or for information.

TAPES AVAILABLE

There have been numerous requests for sermon tapes. These are available for \$1.00. Order from the church office or mention it to Dick.

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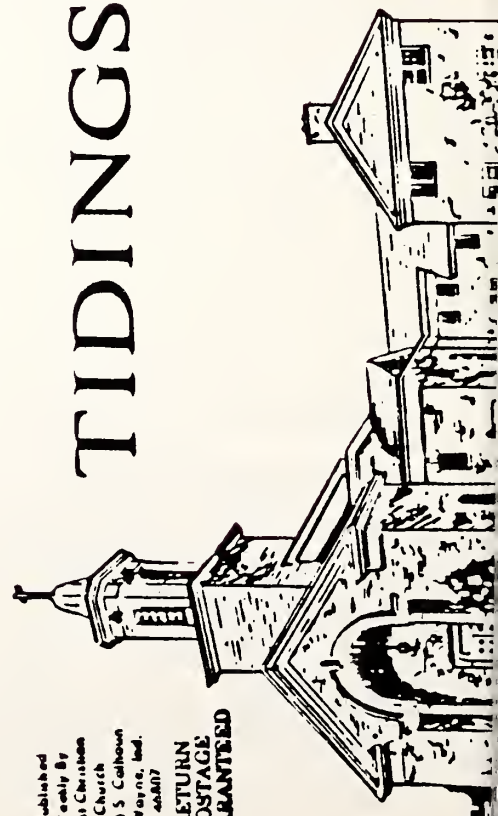
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MAY 12 - SPECIAL DAY

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SOFTBALL PLAYERS!

Yep, it's that time again! Time for fun, fellowship, and a winning season (well, 2 out of 3 wouldn't be bad!).

We will have practice Thursday evening, May 2, 6:30 p.m. at Winchester Road Diamonds - just off Bluffton Road. Bring \$5.00. If you can't make it, call Bruce Lehman (432-3825). Choir members are excluded from this practice. However, there will be another practice on Monday, May 6, same time, same place!

GARAGE SALE - MAY 17 & 18

Bring saleable items to the church anytime. Put them on the stage. Clothing, knickknacks, appliances, dishes, anything saleable!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BibleTimes Marketplace, our summer learning experience for children, will be June 17-21, 9:30 - 12:00 each morning. We need adults to serve as tribal parents, crafts people, and tent setter-upers. These positions are not difficult and can be a lot of fun. (It's a great way to get to know other people). Call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) to find out more or to volunteer. We also need tents and dining canopies. May we borrow yours?

ALL CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

McMillen Park Pavillion

Frisbie Golf, Sponge Throw, Soft Ball, Table Games.

Potluck Picnic at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TUESDAY, MAY 7 - 7:30 p.m.

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MONDAY, MAY 6

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 7

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular group
6:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MAY 9

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 9-15

Dan Dickey (10)
Carol Dunham (10)
Jo Ann Franklin (10)
Melvin Williamson (11)
Gail Westerfield (12)
Burl Feltenberger (12)
John Hechler (12)
Willis Wuthrich (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
Robert Nulf (13)
Bernice Schnobel (13)
Deloris Anspach (15)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary Mullins (15)
Marta Rehner (15)

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SYMPATHY

Our prayers go out to Joe & Phyllis Fitch in the death of their son-in-law, John Cole.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and many lovely cards I received while I was in the hospital. A special thanks also to Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet for their visits and prayers.

Genevieve Ripple

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP

Open to all who have had Cardio-vascular surgery. Tuesday, May 7, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the church.

FOR CHILDREN GRADES 1 to 5!

Come to the Junior Youth Fellowship event May 14. We'll all be "clowning around" from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. If you are planning to come, have your parents contact the church office by May 8. See you under the big top!

YOUTH NEWS.....

CYF and Chi Rho will meet at the regular times this week!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4-28-85

Mrs. Audrey R. Smith; Mrs. Cory Reese; Mrs. L.A. Kramer, Huntington, IN; Sue Marks, 2936 Broadway; John & Cornelia Merrill, 7816 Forest Ln., Indianapolis, IN; Mrs. Emmett Johnson, Coldwater, MI.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Last week was National Secretary's Week, and in true Hamm fashion, I want to mention it a week late! (At least Don and I managed to get some flowers to her on time!)

Diane Johnson has been on our staff for five years. She has been our full-time secretary for three years. It has been said that the Church Secretary is the most important person on a church's staff (including ministers), and that's about right. Working with Diane is a joy. She serves the Lord in a very special way here at First Christian Church. She has a way of being kind, helpful and polite, yet very businesslike. And my does she crank out vast quantities of quality work!

All of our staff are first rate people, but it is a delight to lift up Diane for a little well-deserved pat on the back. She's a key player on the F.C.C. team! Thanks, Diane!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

SADD FEST '85

Students Against Drunken Driving invite our youth to a "Fest 85" at Grand Wayne Center on May 5, 2:00 p.m. Learn more about this worthwhile effort by attending. Call 486-1347 for details.

ISRAEL TRIP

Dick Hamm's January 28, 1986 pilgrimage to Israel is a definite "go". If you are interested, please contact him as soon as possible. The cost is still \$998.00 per person.

BARBEE WORK DAY

Would you like to help paint, clean cabins, do repair work and/or otherwise get Camp Barbee ready for the camping season? On Saturday, May 18, you're invited to come and give a hand. Shovels and rakes are needed. If you can go, call the church office by May 13 so we can call in reservations for lunch!

FINANCIAL NOTES

We are somewhat behind in our giving. Please do what you can to catch up, if you are behind. Thank you for your tremendous support of the work of the Kingdom.

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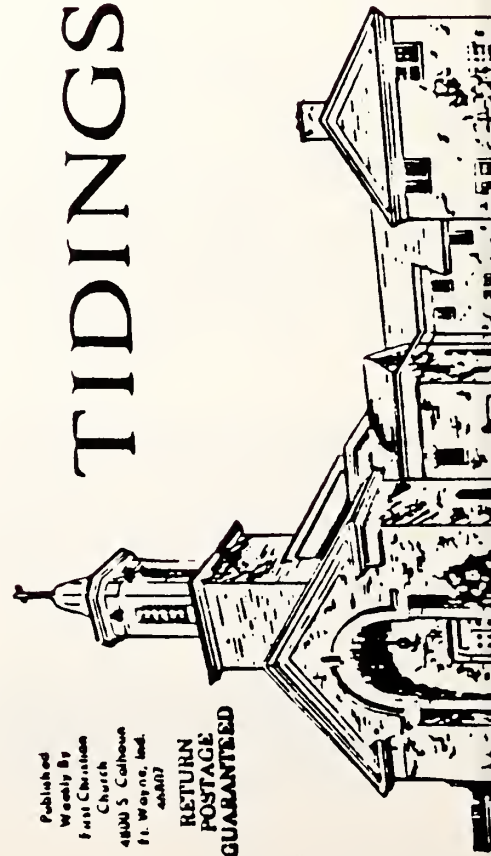
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ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The annual All Church Picnic will be on Sunday, May 19, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at McMillen Park main pavillion. Bring sports equipment and table games for recreation. There will be sponge toss, softball, and frisbie golf, plus other games. There will be a potluck picnic dinner at 3:30. Bring covered dishes and your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. Save the date and come for a really good time!

MAY 19 - CHOIR SUNDAY AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION DAY

Don't miss this special celebration!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Carillon Choir
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at MCL,
Southtown
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the
Church
5:00 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the
Church

THURSDAY, MAY 16

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 17 & 18
CWF Garage Sale

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 16-22

Ethel Birkhold (16)
John Myers (16)
Jane Vanderwall (16)
Sam Hayes (17)
Carolyn Webster (17)
Shannon Jones (18)
Beth Wiltfong (18)
Shirley Howell (19)
William Houk (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
Jack Skelton (19)
Viola Gaskill (20)
Barnard Ashe (21)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)

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SENIORS - EVERYONE
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CALL
FIRST CALL FOR HELP
426-4357

FIRST CALL FOR HELP has information about human service needs, such as:

- *food, shelter & clothing
- *employment services
- *Mental health counselling
- *legal services
- *self-help groups
- *financial counselling
- *utility assistance
- *handicapped services

BARBEE WORK DAY

Would you like to help paint, clean cabins, do repair work and/or otherwise get Camp Barbee ready for the camping season? On Saturday, May 18, you're invited to come and give a hand. Shovels and rakes are needed. If you can go, call the church office by May 13 so we can call in reservations for lunch!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 5-5-85

Phil & Debbie Wagner, 180 Goodnight Road, Martinsville, IN; Mr. Manish Gamit, 4154 Wayne Trace.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER CON'T. Amy Hayes (21) Edwin Day (22)

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The following prayer, passed on to me by Homer Stevenson, is good for mothers and fathers!

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small irritating things in life's daily routine.

Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf which exists between my generation and that of my children.

Help me to bear silently the physical and mental pain of those whom I love by reminding me that only through suffering may they understand the distress of others.

Let me be not too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind up their bruises.

Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them.

Let me refrain from preaching with words. Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when they seek me out.

Help me to teach them that life must not be filled with compromises, but it should be replete with victories.

Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will see thy glory.

-Ruth Simrall Mackoy

See you Sunday.

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coff-NW, E. Snouffer, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. L. Finkhousen-SW, M.
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8:15 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Lindsay, S. Creager,
J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Merle & Betty Grimm

10:45 A.M. Mimi & Wes Westerfield

ACOLYTES

Aimee Pratt & Heath Hudlow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Family Worship-No Extended Session
COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Crouse & W. Westerfield

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Sarah Smith

10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

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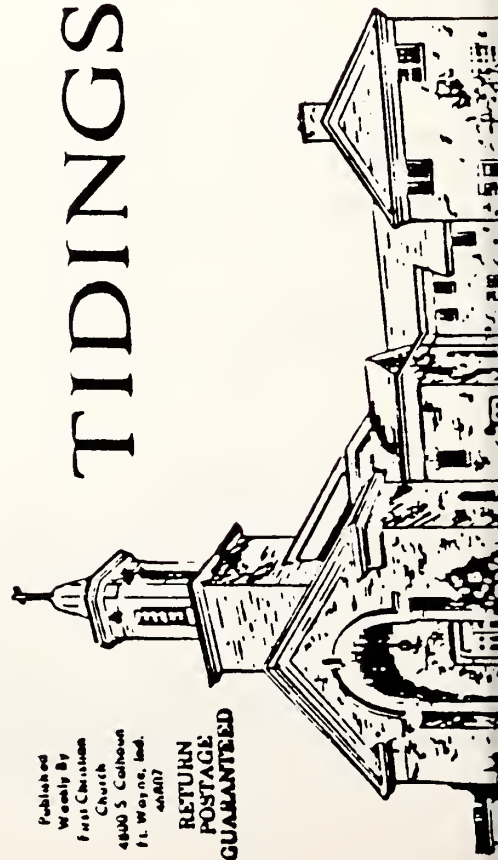
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MAY 19 - CHOIR SUNDAY AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION DAY
Don't miss this special celebration!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The annual All Church Picnic will be on Sunday, May 19, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at McMillen Park main pavillion. Bring sports equipment and table games for recreation. There will be sponge toss, softball, and frisbie golf, plus other games. There will be a potluck picnic dinner at 3:30. Bring covered dishes and your own table service. Drinks will be furnished. Save the date and come for a really good time!

GARAGE SALE

CWF is sponsoring an all church garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18. We will also be having a snack bar for lunch both days and a bake sale. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the CWF Mission Giving and local projects. Donations of saleable items (appliances, knick knacks, dishes, furniture, kitchen utensils, clothes, etc.), and baked goods, will be greatly appreciated. Put items on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BibleTimes Marketplace, our summer learning experience for children, will be June 17-21, 9:30 - 12:00 each morning. We need adults to serve as tribal parents, crafts people, and tent setter-upers. These positions are not difficult and can be a lot of fun. (It's a great way to get to know other people). Call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) to find out more or to volunteer. We also need tents and dining canopes. May we borrow yours?

CONGRATULATIONS

Kevin Mory won the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America National Skills Olympics Sheet metal competition. He now goes to Phoenix to compete! Kevin is a senior at Wayne.

Bob Briggs has won a scholarship to study at Columbus (Ohio) School of Art & Design. He is a senior at Elmhurst.

NEED A RIDE TO THE CHURCH PICNIC?

Call the church office from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or Betty Briggs at 478-1012 in the evening.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
1:00 P.M. ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
at McMillen Park
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 20

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group
6:30 P.M. Softball practice at
Bible College
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 21

5:25 P.M. Softball Game at Till-
man #3
7:00 P.M. North Diaconate Meeting
at Jane Hahn's, 509 Villa
Park Court

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 23-29

Robert Clipp (23)
Jay Bixenman (23)
Jennifer Byers (23)
Fred Gaskill (24)
Virginia Bruckman (25)
Don Smith (25)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)
Kristin Byers (26)
Eural Rose (27)
Eugene Klepfer (28)
Pat Mullen (28)
Genie Slick (28)
Chloe Conner (29)
Carolyn Gardner (29)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP-5-12

Gladys Case, 4029 Euclid Avenue;
Mrs. Helen Hayes, Peru, IN; Cook
Family, Cleveland, OH; Long's, Co-
lumbus, OH.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with Earl
Fusselman in the death of his
sister.

YOUTH NEWS....

Chi Rho will not meet this
Sunday so that members may
take part in the All-Church
Picnic.

WORKSHIP! WORKSHIP!

No, that is not a typo. A
workshop is a workshop that is
centered in Christian fellow-
ship. The next Bazaar work-
shop will be Wednesday, May 22
at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. We
are calling it Deb Miller pre-
sents simple crafts that we
can all make a bunch of that
evening. Two more workshops
are coming June 12 & 26.

P.S. All you garden green-
thumbs who would like to
help with the Bazaar, we are
in need of some homegrown
statice both for wreath making
and selling. Please help by
planting some biazarre seeds!

MARRIAGES

Jay Bixenman and Lisa Watson
were married on May 11, 1985
in San Antonio, Texas.

Joyce Crowe will marry Ben-
jamin P. Westmoreland on May
26 at 3:00 P.M. at First
Christian Church in Tucker, GA.
George Wascovich will officiate.
She lives at 736 Ludlow Lane,
Lawrenceville, GA 30245.

COLLEGE GRADUATES????

If you have a college grad-
uate, please call the church
office.

A FAITH TO SING ABOUT -

A Singing Faith" is the theme for Choral Sunday, May 19, both services! It will be a kind of end-of-the season culmination of the work of the Carillon and Chancel Choirs during the year. They will be assisted by Dan Ross and Don Parlette and their trumpets, a brass quartet, Vee Parlette, pianist, Becky Stucky, soprano soloist. The congregation will also be invited to participate in one of the anthems.

May 19 is also Graduate Recognition Sunday, a time of congregational appreciation and support for them and their exciting futures. We hope that families, friends, and congregation will be present for this time of joy and praise to God.

HUGS TO THE CHILDREN!

We send a big hug to each member of the Celebration for wonderful participation and all the hard work the children poured into their music last Sunday. We also thank Pat Mullen and Terri Pfenning, terrific choir mothers, Sue Kerley, flower lady, Dick Hamm, guitarist, Barb Busse, flautist, Bob Briggs and Eric Zimmerman, robe assistants, Vee Parlette, lovely rehearsal accompanist, and Jerry Zimmerman who played for the choir in Vee's absence. A hug to everybody!

BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE - JUNE 17-21, 9:30 - 12:00

For children 4 years old thru 5th grade. Registration begins this Sunday in Fellowship Hall.

We need: tents and canvas or plastic flies, sheets, leaders and helpers. Call Mindy (745-4536) or Don (744-3239).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Des Moines, Iowa -- "Dare to Be Disciples" will be the theme of the 1985 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) August 2-7. Daily themes will center on daring to "Seek Unity," "Pursue Peace," "Serve the World," "Live in Hope," and "Be Disciples." Registration information is available from Dick Hamm.

All City Mass Choir
to sing for the
FESTIVAL OF UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE
Foellinger Theater, Franke Park
August 18th, late afternoon
Rehearsals, August 12, 13, 14, 15; 7-9 p.m.
West Creighton Avenue Christian Church
845 West Creighton Avenue
Let your Pastor or Choir Director know
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8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B.

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10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-SW, J. Lindsay-NW, T. Creager-SE, E. Klepfer-NE, W. Johnson, L. Johnson, Bob Briggs, M. Crouse

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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, J. Lindsay, K. Mory, K. Taylor

GREETERS

10:45 A.M. Tony York, Bob Briggs

ACOLYTES

Adam Hayes & Jimmy Davis

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Membership Committee

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Miller & Rosemary Krull

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Snyder - S. Knuckles

A. Creager - B. Briggs

M. Bixenman - S. Schell

M. Hartman - T. Creager

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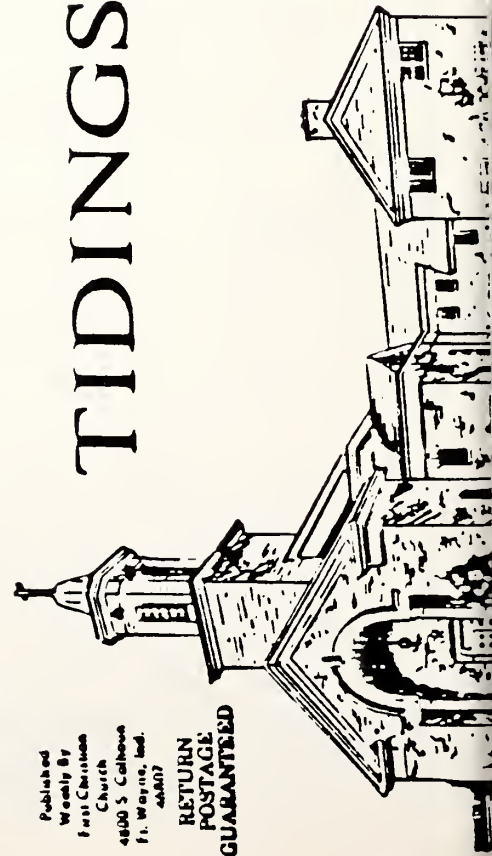
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CELEBRATING TOGETHER



"Celebrating Together" is the appropriate theme for the Pentecost Special Day offering as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), through the Church Finance Council, celebrates 50 years together in mission. At Pentecost it is the birthday of the Church that we celebrate.

PLANNING RETREAT - JUNE 8, SATURDAY

All members of the new year's committees of Christian Education, Membership, Outreach & Service, Evangelism, Property, Worship, Lay Personnel, and Stewardship; plan now to be present for our annual planning conference Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Child care provided.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Now is the time to register.

THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST.....Come and celebrate the birthday of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Anticipated income as of 4-30:	\$63,377.96
Actual income as of 4-30:	60,492.44
Budgeted outgo as of 4-30:	63,377.96
Actual outgo as of 4-30:	58,100.91

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE - Tuesday, May 28, 5:25 p.m., Tillman #3

GOLF OUTING - June 1, 8:30 a.m., at Foster Park.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY 28

12:00 NOON D.M.A. at the church
5:25 P.M. Softball Game at Till-
man #3
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

8:30 A.M. Golf tournament at
Foster Park

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 30-June 5

Jo Rosenberry (30)
Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)
Art Chevalier (1)
Mike McFarland (1)
Ellen Buchanan (2)
Necia Stucker (3)
Miriam Coil (5)
Dave Rinker (5)
Morris Swift (5)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

5-19-85

Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Anita Gross,
1004 Burgess; Miss Kimberly Nash,
2619 Glencairn; Mr. Shawn Kelly,
5335 Eastwick Drive; Miss Diane
Hans, 2205 Drake Drive.

NEEDED!!!

Pine cones for projects for the
Bazaar. Bring to the church of-
fice or call Peg Buskirk(745-3365).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Des Moines, Iowa - The Rev.
Kenneth L. Teegarden, Indiana-
polis, Ind., will be honored
for his 12 years of service
as general minister and presi-
dent of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) August 6.
The occasion will be the all-
assembly dinner during the Gen-
eral Assembly of the church to
be held August 2-7. Teegarden
retires from office at the
conclusion of the assembly.

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ship hall on Sunday morning.
The cost is \$2.00 per child,
maximum \$5.00 per family.
Registration deadline is June
7.

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Due to my illness the Chi
Rho youth fellowship will not
be meeting the rest of this
year.

Don

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

7,000 pieces of mail were sent to our neighborhood this week about Vacation Bible School. (Thanks to all who helped with the mailing). Obviously, Bible School is a big evangelistic thrust for us into our neighborhood. We expect a record number of participants in our "Bible-times Marketplace" this year June 17-21.

But, we need help! This is a very creative approach to Bible School, but it requires lots of folks to make it go. Thus, I appeal to everyone who is able to lend a hand with this important event! Call Mindy or me (Don is out of commission for a couple of weeks due to surgery).

Thank you for giving of yourself to make this happen for a hundred or more kids.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

MANY THANKS TO THE CHOIR

To the members of the Carillon and Chancel Choirs for their performances of devotion in the services last Sunday. It was memorable. Many thanks also to Vee Parlette and Jerry Zimmerman for their beautiful piano and organ, and to Don Parlette, Dan Ross, David Orr, and Mel Busse for their exciting brass, and to Becky Stucky and David Orr for their lovely solos.

And now its time to party! See you for a brief practice Thursday night, and supper afterwards at Bandidos!

Helen

DON'T MENTION AGE TOUR

Everyone is invited to join the DMA Tuesday, May 28, noon at the church. We will go out for lunch and then take a brief tour of Baer Field.

SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD HUNGER

A symposium will take place June 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, here at First Christian. Topics include the causes and dimensions of world hunger, U.S. foreign policy and foreign aid as it relates to hunger, and understanding the legislative process.

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PLANNING CONFERENCE

All new committee members should be present for this Conference, Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Child care provided. Other members of the congregation are welcome, too!

THE SECRET PLACE

The new Secret Place quarterlies are in. These little booklets are excellent little daily devotionals to help us keep our days "on track" with the Lord. Get your copy for June-August this Sunday!

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Des Moines, Iowa -- Among guest speakers for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) this summer will be the Rev. Arie Brouwer, Teaneck, N.J., general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ and a Reformed Church in America pastor, and Thelma Adair, New York City, past president of Church Women United. The assembly will meet August 2-7.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 6-12

Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)
Stan Cole (7)
Stephan Taulbee (7)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Pat Bennett (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Mel Busse (9)
Chad Cline (9)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Clarence Hetrick (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Bill Howard (10)
David Johnston (10)
Sally Cotton (10)
Jody Brown (12)
Bev Hendricks (12)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 P.M. Softball practice at
the Bible College
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at
Bandido's
6:35 P.M. Softball Game at
Lawton #2

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at
Rychie Smell's for
a picnic

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

9:00 A.M. ALL-CHURCH PLANNING
CONFERENCE

Please pick up any dishes that
may be yours, in the kitchen!

HEY YOU OVER THERE! HAVE
YOU HEARD THE RUMOR? There's
going to be another Bazaar
Workshop. It was first sus-
pected when secret agents re-
ported a large increase in
pine cone gathering. It is
surmised that the women will
gather in the dark confines of
Kris Ohneck's basement, 4214
Mirada Drive at 7:00 p.m. on
the night of June 12th. Agents
have also reported that the
notorious Mrs. B. and her in-
famous sidekick Peg will be
divulging all they know about
pine cone wreath making. If
you want in on the action, be
there!

INSTALLATION OF NEW CWF OFFICERS

Installation of the new CWF
officers will take place this
Sunday, June 2, in second wor-
ship service. The officers
are: Peg Buskirk, President;
Linda Stover, Vice-President;
Connie Wells, Secretary; and
Beth Wiltfong, Treasurer.

The S.E. DIACONATE GROUP
will meet at Eunice Conrad's,
4218 Hoagland Avenue on Satur-
day, June 1 at 10:30 a.m.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Hot cereal, p-nut butter,
jelly, powdered milk, canned
meat

LOST

A brown umbrella has been
found. Call the church office
to claim.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Do you wonder how programs and special days get planned at First Christian Church? I'll give you a quick glance.

After new officers are elected and new program committees are appointed (Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Outreach & Service, Membership, Lay Personnel, and Property), a Planning Conference is held (this year's Planning Conference will be June 8, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). On this day, all the new committees meet and review the previous year's program and develop plans and budgeting for the new year. These plans are then approved and coordinated by the Board and then presented to the congregation in the form of a "Vision" booklet in the fall so everyone can see what's going on.

This process has served us well these last three years! Everyone (not just committee members) is welcome at the Planning Conference. Or, if you wish to submit ideas or suggestions for the new year, jot it down on a piece of paper and give it to me. We'll put your ideas in the hopper, too.

It's an exciting time of the year for me, as we ponder new possibilities even as we relax a bit and enjoy looking back at all we have accomplished in the past 12 months.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Don is home and doing fine.

THANK YOU!

Over 7,000 pieces of mail sent to our neighborhood announcing our Vacation Bible School were prepared by the loving hands of the following people: Gini Brown, Ruth Plummer, Eileen Klepfer, Vince Wells, Grace Truby, Laura York, Esther Whitton, Linda Stover, Pat Mullen, John Weyer, Gwynth Rice, Betty Harter, Sandy Zimmerman, Mindy Hamm, Ruth Vost, Florence Palmer, Mildred Tharp, Dorothy Overmyer, Opal Carper, Bill & Hazel Crouse, Candace Cole, Dorothy Schmidt, and Donna Byers. Thanks for saying "yes" when I called.....you are "super".

Bette Haines

P.S. Also thanks to Ken Taylor for making the labels and Diane Johnson for supervision.

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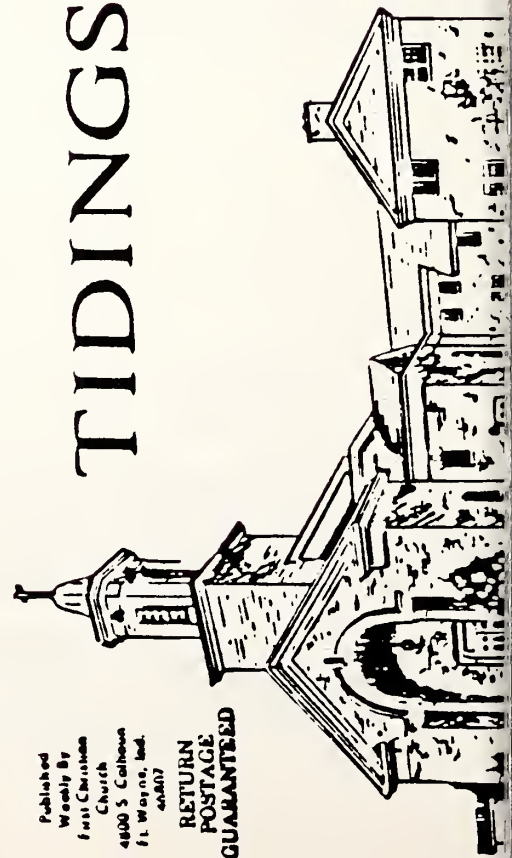
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PLANNING CONFERENCE

All new committee members should be present for this Conference, Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Child care provided. Other members of the congregation are welcome, too!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Roger & Anita Gross united with our fellowship Sunday May 19, by transfer. They live at 1004 Burgess 46808, phone number is 422-3917. Seek them out and welcome them!

INTERESTED IN ISRAEL?

The Hamm's will show their slides of Israel again this Sunday, June 9, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the church.

SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD HUNGER

A symposium will take place June 22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, here at First Christian. Topics include the causes and dimensions of world hunger, U.S. foreign policy and foreign aid as it relates to hunger, and understanding the legislative process.

Mark your calendar now!

GRACE-ST. JOHN AND US

First Christian and Grace-St. John's United Church of Christ will join together for two special worship services, Wednesday, June 12, at First; Wednesday, June 19, at Grace-St. John's. We will enjoy a potluck dinner together at 6:00 p.m. plus engage in a little dialogue on baptism and communion. Come and join in this special opportunity. We will close by 8:00 p.m. in each case.

Disciples and U.C.C.'s are growing closer together as denominations that have much in common.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Des Moines, Iowa -- Two communion services are scheduled during the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which will meet August 2-7. The assembly will open with communion. Celebrant will be the Rev. Kenneth L. Teegarden, Indianapolis, Ind., Disciples' general minister and president. The assembly will close with the eucharist, using the widely ecumenical "Lima Liturgy." The newly-elected general minister and president will be the celebrant.

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9:00 A.M. ALL-CHURCH PLANNING
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SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at the
Wharf

7:15 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner & Service
with Grace-St. John's

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:15 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 17

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at church

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9:30 A.M. Vacation Bible School

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 13-26

Susan Thompson(13) Andy Cook(17)

Laura Tomes(13) Bernice Montgomery(18)

Mike Watson(14) Gene Auer(18)

Doug Allen(15) Gary Hall(18)

Clint Crowe(15) Fern Kenline(18)

Valetta Parlette(15) Gloria Horine(19)

Mary King(16) Robert Coleman(19)

Laura McFarland(16) Jo Weyer(16)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & CONGRATULATIONS

Ellen Buchanan is 100 years young as of June 2! The Membership Committee asks that you send her a note.

Mike & Vera Watson are the proud new parents of Joshua, born May 28.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of concern I have received, and for the prayers which helped a great deal. I feel better everyday and hope to be back on a normal schedule soon!

Don Wiltfong

GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS

24 golfers teed off Saturday! Charlie Byrket, Wayne Johnson, and Chip Olson won the day! Thanks to Eileen Klepfer for organizing this annual event.

SUMMER TIDINGS SCHEDULE!!!

This month will begin the every other week for the Tidings. Next issue will be June 19.

COFFEE HOUR SPECIAL

On June 16 we will be having Margaret & Bill Love in our worship service. Be sure to come to Coffee Hour for chat time!

'Scuse Please

In last week's announcement about the CWF Bazaar Pine Cone Workshop, there were two errors. Please note - the workshop is at the church (not Kris Ohneck's basement) and is on Thursday, June 13, (not Wednesday, June 12). Y'All Come! 7:15 Sharp!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Summer is a season when many people are moving. Your own neighborhood or apartment complex probably has moving vans in it every week. Have you been over to greet your new neighbors yet? Have you invited them to worship? Have you offered them a ride to worship? This is one of your most important jobs as a member of First Christian Church!

We have lovely brochures with times of services, location, etc. printed for people to receive. Why not pick up a handful this Sunday and give them away as people move in to your area this summer?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE RETURNS to First Christian Church, June 17 to 21! This year's Vacation Bible School will be a version of Bibletimes Marketplace similar to last year's exciting event. Even as you read this a neighborhood mailer has opened the limited space of the Marketplace to the children of the neighborhood, so if you have children, grandchildren, relatives, or friends who are from age four to grade five, sign them up before all the spaces are taken! You can register by calling the office or in fellowship hall on Sunday morning. The cost is \$2.00 per child, maximum \$5.00 per family. Registration deadline is June 7.

PRAYER SERVICE 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays

Prayer, sometimes mistakenly considered the refuge of the weak, is actually the ultimate resource of the strong.

TO THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS

It is pleasant to have such nice caring friends as you folks! Your cards and the card signed in class are so appreciated. In fact they stand on the coffee table to cheer Art's days.

As of Sunday, June 2, he is to be a patient at Parkview Hospital. And we are hopeful that his recovery will not take too long and we will be able to return to class.

We are grateful for your concern and prayers!

Art & Florence Huddleston

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER CON'T. - Linda Johnstone(19), Don Parlette(19), Bill Schilling, Sr.(19), Esther Whitton(19), Joan Penny(20), Roxy Wunderlich(20), Orie McDougal(21), Norma Sterling(21), Shari Hensch(23), Henry Flowers(23), Kurt Schryver(23), Jack Weicker(23), Lee Urich(23), Mamie Miller(24), Jack Lindsay(24), Norma Andrew(26).

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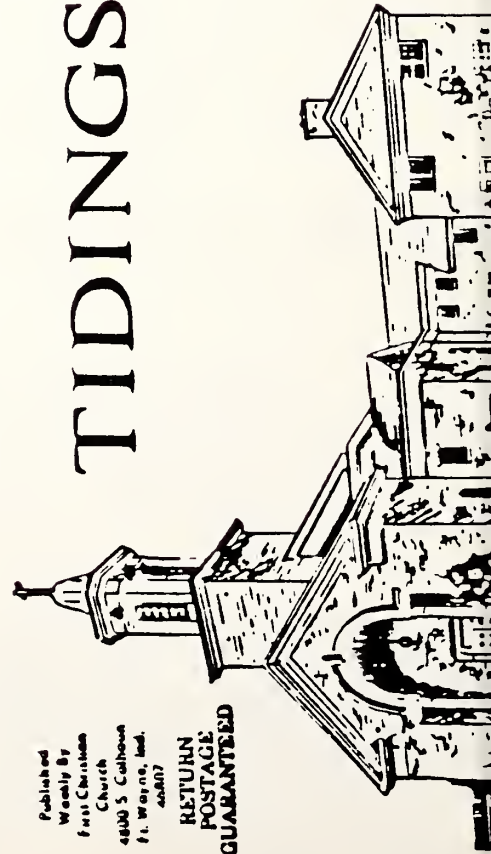
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PRAYER SEMINAR THIS SUNDAY!

Are you interested in learning how to pray more effectively? Are you interested in how prayer works? Then join in a seminar with Dick Hamm this Sunday, June 23, 5:30 p.m. Plan to remain through prayer service until 8:00 p.m.

SHARE THE CARE DAY, JUNE 22

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bring a rake, shrub clippers, and/or a chain saw if you have them. All are welcome. Come and help spruce up the church!

Partners in Mission



Division of Overseas Ministries

Through the Division of Overseas Ministries you have 106 staff members working as partners with churches in 31 countries. Disciples invest some \$3 million per year in support of the work of the church abroad.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 p.m.

NEW COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CARDIO-VASCULAR GROUP - Tuesday, July 2, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. All heart patients welcome!

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours go into effect on Monday, June 24. The office will be opened from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA GAS STOVE?

A single mother with three children is in need of a gas cooking stove. If you have one you could contribute, call Dick Hamm.

Curt Millers' Sunday School Class will not meet the rest of the summer! Feel free to visit other Sunday School Classes during this time. It will resume again in the fall.

FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Food Bank is looking for "SUBSTITUTES" for this summer. Call the church office (744-3239) to sign up.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

June 9 & June 16

Jodi Long, 1102 Hamilton; Ms. Shari & Miss Bethany Pawlisch, 4127 S. Wayne Avenue; Miss Debra Webb, 3309 Hoagland Ave.; Nancy Mason, 5016 McClellan; Max, Debbie, & Craig Knudsen, 9260 Rosehill, Lenoxa, KS; Daniel S. Gunterman, 1007 Nuttman Avenue.

CONGRATULATIONS

Charles & Dorothy Green have been married 50 years, June 23!
Ben & Erma Shankland have been married 65 years, June 30!

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MEMBERS FOR PRAYER 6-27-7-10

Lois Buchanan (27)
Joseph Fitch (27)
George Hosfield (28)
Mildred Linn (28)
Scott Rayl (28)
Dwain Graham (28)
Tom Rayl (29)
Karen Buzzard (29)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Cheryl Busse (30)
Terri Pfenning (30)
Schellie Schell (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Sue Skelton (2)
Monette Wetzell (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Michael Coleman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Terry Wuthrich (5)
Paul Waugh (5)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Louis Chasar (7)
Glenna Smith (7)
John Clevenger (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
Mel Busse (9)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Janet Myers (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 A.M. Share the Care Day at FCC

9:00 A.M. Symposium on World Hunger

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Prayer Seminar

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

7:00 P.M. New Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:00 P.M. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 1

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 2

3:00 P.M. Cardio-Vascular Group

6:00 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

THURSDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED - HOLIDAY

PRAYER SERVICE - 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Sundays

The habit of praying for others makes you noble. Your thoughts grow wider and higher. Your selfishness melts away. You become Christlike. You bless mankind. You are loved by all who know you. People think you are beautiful, for you become radiant with the smile of Christ. Your joy comes from what you give, not from what you accumulate.

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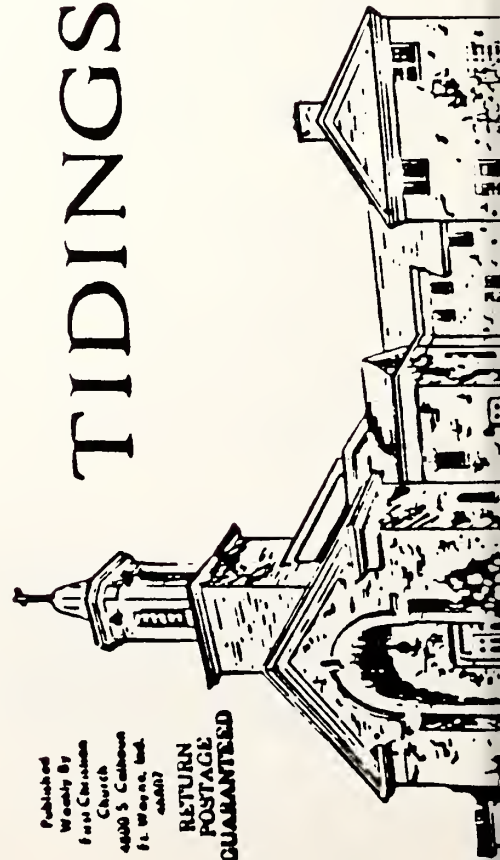
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dan & Lanelle Ross transferred into our family of faith from Christian and Episcopal congregations. They live at 1680-G Reed Road 15, phone number is 493-3214. We're delighted to make it official!

SPECIAL PASTORS' CLASS JULY 7-28

Dick and Don are offering a class for people interested in the background of this congregation and denomination. We'll meet 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Sundays, in the church parlor (north of sanctuary). All are welcome.

CALLING ALL SINGLES

You're invited to the Hamms (1031 W. Sherwood Terrace) Sunday, July 14, 3:30 p.m. We'll have a cook-out, plan some activities for the new year, and enjoy each other's company. Please RSVP at 744-3239 or 745-4536. Guests welcome!

WAGON WHEEL THEATER - JULY 19

The D.M.A. is going to see "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in Warsaw July 19. We'll leave church at 6:45 p.m. Tickets (including bus) are \$10.00. First come, first served while 32 seats last! Send your check (make payable to First Christian) to the church office (marked Wagon Wheel). All are welcome!

TALENT SHOW, SUNDAY, JULY 28

Now's the time to "get your act together"! Sign up in fellowship hall to share your talents!

BLOOD NEEDED

The Red Cross has issued a request for blood donors. Summer is a time of decreased supply. If you can give (17-66 years old, at least 110 lbs.), call 482-1609 to make an appointment.

BOARD MEETING - first of new Board! - Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 P.M.

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CALLING ALL WOMEN

Save the date of Wednesday,
October 16. On that day we are
hostesses to the Northern Indiana
CWF Fall Retreat!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 11-24

Esther Clipp (11)

Bob Johnson (11)

Nancy Harter (11)

Laurell Cole (12)

Jeff Johnson (12)

Judith Markley (12)

David Pence (12)

Cecil Rice (14)

Darvin Tomes (14)

John Steigerwald (15)

Max Geiselman (16)

Barbara Clevenger (17)

Donald Johnson (17)

Thelma Swift (17)

Erma Vanderwall (17)

George Davis (18)

Sherry Lytle (20)

Warren Webster (21)

Jane Hahn (22)

Tom Harter (22)

Mary Wilhelm (23)

Cora McKinney (23)

Forrest Smith (24)

Edith Roush (24)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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Mr. & Mrs. Al Eisenacher;
Mrs. Erma Davis; Bob & Maxine
Harter; Bonnie Evans & Susan
Burton, 25030 Hermenos Ct.,
San Diego, CA; Gene, Rhonda,
Katie, & April Lantz, 5110
Hartford Drive; The B.A. Bad-
ger Family, Cincinnati, OH.

THANK YOU

Thanks for those who made
"Share the Care Day" a great
success: Mike Mullen, Laura
York, John & Betty Briggs,
Ray & Bryce Stover, Bill John-
son, Eileen Klepfer, Dick &
Erma Vanderwall.

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Many thanks to all the following who donated their time and talents to pitching and packing tents and fly's for the Bibletimes Marketplace week two weeks ago. John Ohneck and Dick Mey were especially helpful and lost sleep to help. And a real life saver was Laura York who filled in above and beyond the call of duty. And everyone did a super job: John, Bob, and Julie Briggs, (John the first there on Sunday and one of the last to leave late Friday afternoon); Ken Perkins, Eric Zimmerman, Eric Mory, Jim Stucky, Don Wiltfong, John Perry, and Bryce Stover who wins the most valuable player award for being first to arrive and last to leave every day.

And special thanks to the tent owners who risked their shelters to the hands of our group: Jack Lindsay, John Briggs, Don Wiltfong, Dick Hamm, Sam Smith, Gary Falbe, Larry Busse, Earl Plummer, Lois Finkhousen, Miriam Bixenman, Vince Wells, Wes Westerfield, and last but not least the Indiana State Army National Guard.

And finally thanks to Ray and Linda Stover for the use of their truck in returning those Army tents.

Without your help, we couldn't have made it happen. You are what stewardship is all about.

Jack Lindsay

On Monday evening July 15 there will be a meeting for all those interested in an All-Church Camp-Out the weekend of August 16, 17, and 18. Please plan to come at 7:15 p.m.

A group of German athletes (10 women, 10 men) will be in Fort Wayne July 11-16 as part of an exchange program of the Amateur Athletic Union. If you would be willing to host one of these young people, please call Dick Hamm.

FELLOWSHIP GUILD

Fellowship Guild will meet on Monday, July 8, 1:30 p.m. at Sarah Smith's, 3927 Meda Pass.

THANK YOU

I wish to express my thanks for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls (especially Rev. Dick) while at home and in the hospital.

Your concern about my well-being has been more appreciated than I can express.

May God Bless You All!

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7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 8

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at
Sarah Smith's, 3927
Meda Pass
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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Hamms
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. All-Church Camp-Out
Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 19

6:45 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

HOW YOU CAN TELL WHEN IT'S GO- ING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY

1. You wake up face down on the pavement.
2. You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.
3. Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
4. You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
5. Your twin sister forgot your birthday.
6. Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat.
7. The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.
8. You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.
9. Your income tax refund check bounces.
10. You put both contact lenses in the same eye.
11. Your pet rock snaps at you.

ETERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
FORM NO. 0002

GREAT COMMISSION
EXEMPTION FORM

To be filled out by all those who feel that they qualify for exempt
status of Commandment Matthew 28:19 and Statute Acts 1:8.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Check the appropriate Box Under Which You Claim Exemption:

1. I am 100% disabled, and unable to comply.
2. I have received nothing, therefore I can give nothing.
3. I don't like this Law, too much centralized power.
4. My neighbor doesn't comply.
5. I am applying for a 20 year deferment. I need time to think.
6. I recently completed a 20 year deferment, and am applying
for an extension.
7. My ship sails from Joppa at five tomorrow.
8. I have never gotten a Personal Call from the Boss telling me
that this Law applied to me.
9. Since I did not qualify as a "Child of God" under Eternal
Revenue Form 0001 (And Law John 1:12), I am not under the
jurisdiction of Commandment Mt. 28:19 and Statute Acts 1:8
and realize that I serve another matter.
10. OTHER. Would you believe _____

If you need more information about the Law of the Great Commission as
stated in Commandment Mt. 28:19, and Statute Acts 1:8, please refer
to subsidiary Statutes Mk. 16:15; II Cor. 5:19; Rom. 1:1; Mt. 24:14;
Mk. 13:10; Lk. 24:47; Acts 26:18; Rev. 14:6. You will find all of
these in the supreme government publication entitled "BIBLE" - hand-
book for all mankind.

Please hand carry this form with you to your Pre-Heaven placement
interview with "The Lord of Lords". He will then determine if in-
deed you qualified for exemption.

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*Tw'as the day after Bible School and all over town,
 With a sigh of relief we all settled down.
 Back to his work goes Pa in his cap,
 And back in the bedroom Ma takes a nap.
 Gone Katie, gone Becky, gone David and Johnny,
 Gone Hollie, and Mary, and Ronnie and Donnie.
 Gone stories and craftsmen, and songs in the air
 Gone tents on the lawn and bread baked with care.
 Rest sweetly dear workers and wake with good cheer,
 For Bible School won't come again for a year.
 As they all drifted off I heard them exclaim:
 'It was worth all the work and we'd do it again'.*

BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE is now history - a pleasant, hopefully meaningful, memory in the lives of the 60 children who attended. The week long outdoor learning event was a success due to the encouragement, co-operation and help of so many people. So that everyone will realize just how many youth and adults were involved, I will attempt to list all who gave of their time and talents in this important ministry. Please know that it was all appreciated and I'm thankful for each one of you!

Tribal mothers and youth helpers: Judy Church, Kristina Kreischer, Lanelle Ross, Sara Mullen, Cindy Moriarty, Bryce Stover, Judy Mey, Jennifer Byers, Gloria Horine, Diana Bennett

Preschool organizer and Tribal Father: Don Wiltfong

Preschool tribal mothers and youth helper: Opal Carper, Linda Stover, Andy Clark

Crafts people and helpers: Becky Stucky, Dave and Ellyn Kreischer, Marlo Quick, Schellie Schell, Don and Vee Parlette, Betty Grimm, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Deb Miller, Rosemary Krull, Mabel Watson, Eric Zimmerman, Eric Mory, Julie Briggs, Eunice Conrad, Laura York, Debra Beetem, Delmas Young

Storyteller: Pat Mullen

Tax Collector: Tony York Beggar: Laura York

Song leaders: Diane Mory, Lanelle Ross

Bus Driver: John Briggs

Adult costumer: Laura York

Seamstresses: Dorothy Overmyer, Genevieve Ripple, Betty Briggs, Opal Carper, Linda Stover, Bobbie Lindsay

Tent organizer: Jack Lindsay and his crew: (crew listed elsewhere)

Kitchen organizer: Edna Nordblom and her helpers: Gwynth Rice, Grace Truby, Esther Whitton, Betty Harter, Kathlyn Banet

Thanks also to the Sunday School classes who donated money for food.
 Thank you all so much! I love you all!

Mindy Hamm, BIBLETIMES Marketplace Director

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The slower pace of summer is here and it feels great! It's a time for catching up with things and getting ready for next year.

As new officers "officially" took office July 1, (although most have already been knee-deep in planning for next year), I want to thank last year's officers for their excellent leadership. It was an outstanding year largely due to their efforts.

I was in Florida for three days a couple weeks ago to celebrate my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. It was a super time. We sat around and talked and ate and had a ball. It was a chance to say some of those things we should all say more often! I'm very thankful for my parents.

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I am, even though my spare time is being spent painting our house! It's really fun, in a sick sort of way. I am thankful to be able to do it.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

Congratulations to Kerry and Laura Stringfellow married here June 29!

Our hearts go out to Fred Gas-kill in the death of his son, Steve.

To Mary King in the death of her mother, Ina Smith.

To Vee Parlette in the death of her cousin and 5 family members in a boating accident in Canada.

To Alice Nulf in the death of her husband, Bob.

BAZAAR WORKSHIP

Inquiring minds want to know! Does Mabel Watson make the most adorable plastic canvas ornaments East of the Mississippi? She will be displaying her craft on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. (con't. next column)

CAMP NEWS....

Jason Krull, Alisha Stover, and Mary Fanger were at church camp at Barbee June 17-22.

July 1-6: David Hamm, Steve Mullen, Jimmy Davis, and Danny Mory are at Barbee. Tony York is counseling.

July 8-13: Tammy Davis and Jennifer Byers are at Barbee.

July 14-20: Julie & Bob Briggs, Amy Hayes, Sara Mullen, and Diane Bennett at Barbee. Don Wiltfong will counsel July 20-26.

Betty Briggs is Barbee staff cook all summer. Connie Wells helped prepare Barbee on a recent work day.

BAZAAR WORKSHIP CON'T:

in Fellowship Hall. Those who would like to be as famous as Mabel should come prepared with plastic canvas, Christmas color 4 ply yarn, scissors, and a smile. Remember inquiring minds should know!

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SERVING JULY 7

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8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and
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10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Pat Mullen

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Novach-
coff-NW, G. Brown, B. Grimm
10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, R. Krull-
NW, M. Hamm-SE, P. Tobias-NE, W.
Bowen, E. Klepfer, E. Conrad, J.
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USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Lindsay, K. Taylor,
E. Kreischer

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

ACOLYTES

Aimee Pratt & Adam Hayes
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Al & Sue Creager
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
Becky Stucky & Sam Hayes
COMMUNION PREPARATION
Mary Novachcoff & Jane Hahn
BUS DRIVER
John Briggs
COUNTERS FOR JULY
Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen

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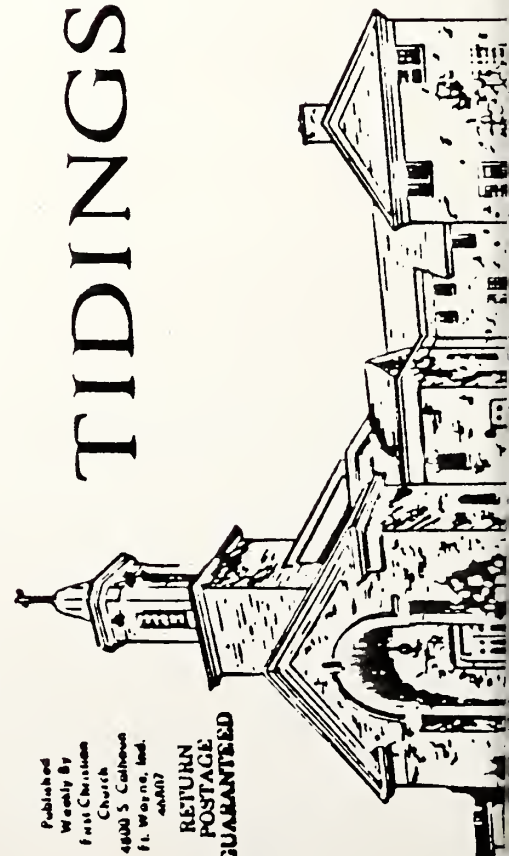
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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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TALENT SHOW, SUNDAY, JULY 28, 4:00 P.M.

Ice cream and snacks, fun for all ages! Come and see some who have talent, and some who will make fools of themselves. Bring a guest. Great summer fun!

SHARE THE CARE THIS SATURDAY

Volunteers needed this Saturday, 8:00 a.m., at the church to help trim shrubs and do general clean up. Bring a rake, pruners, or saw if you have them. All welcome. Stay as long as you can - 1 hour or 6 hours.

WAGON WHEEL - LAST CALL!

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, this Friday, July 19. Leave church at 6:30 p.m. \$10.00 per person. Call the church office now!

BREAD FOR THE WORLD, TUESDAY, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., AT CHURCH

Come and discover what you can do as a Christian citizen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JULY 28th, AFTER SECOND SERVICE

Brief, but important!

COMMITTEES, TUESDAY, JULY 23, 7:00 P.M.

Lay Personnel Committee & Christian Education will not be meeting this night.

PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAYS, 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

When we have been remodeled into living witnesses of Christ through solitude, silence, and prayer, we will no longer have to worry about whether we are saying the right thing or making the right gesture because then Christ will make His Presence known even when we are not aware of it.

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SERVING JULY 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Kelly-NW,
G. Brown, B. Grimm
10:45 A.M. P. Tobias-SW, M. Hamm-NW,
R. Krull-SE, S. Schell-NE, C. Miller,
E. Conrad, E. Zimmerman, K. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-
terfield, J. Lindsay, E. Kreischer,
J. Jones

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
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ACOLYTES

David Hamm & Danny Mory

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack & Bobbi Lindsay

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Lori Lewis & Betty Briggs

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - J. Young

M. Hartman - T. Creager

B. Franklin - M. Crouse

R. Ripple - K. Ohneck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

E. Klepfer & G. Brown

BUS DRIVER

John Briggs

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 25-Aug. 7

Marianne Howard (25)
Jeff Johnson (25)
James Leshner (25)
Sue Kiger (26)
Woody Klepfer (26)
Eric Zimmerman (26)
Mark Pontius (27)
Lee Crowell (27)
Ruth Neal (27)
Kevin Bozarth (28)
Bette Haines (28)
Sam Smith (28)
James Brickley (29)
Lucile Welch (29)
Delmas Young (30)
Bonnie Evans (30)
Carl Smith (31)
Wilberta Edgington (31)
Glenn Miller (1)
Sue Ann Burchill (1)
Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Robin Hosfield (1)
Wanda Howell (1)
Lori Lewis (1)
Dick Mory (1)
Margaret Snouffer (1)
Dorothy Morris (2)
Betty Olson (4)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Ethel King (6)
David Orr (6)

THANK YOU CON'T.

Special thanks to Peggy Bus-
kirk, Miriam Bixenman, Elinor &
Ken Place, for the lovely party
on Sunday, June 16. We loved
it, and appreciated those who
made a special effort to be there.

Our "Eden" on the Oregon coast
has been all we hoped for and are
always happy to share it with anyone
who travel our way!

God Bless you all.

Margaret & Bill Love

Dear Friends,

It was so great seeing everyone!
We have so many happy memories of
our 25 plus years at F.C.C., and
being with all of you again made
us realize just how precious they
are. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Weicker has received the
Paul Harris Award from Fort Wayne Rotary!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School & Pastors' Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 23

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
(Lay Personnel, Stewardship, & Christian Education will not meet)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Special Stewardship Committee meeting on Monday, July 29, 7:15 p.m. at the church.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

July 23 - no game
July 30 - 8:30 p.m., Franke Park

BANNERS WIN AWARDS

The Cross and Alleluia banners made for us by Greg Allen won awards at the Three Rivers Quilt Show at the YMCA! The Alleluia won first place and a gold ribbon. The Cross won third place in its category! Congratulations to us and to Greg!

SYMPATHY

Our prayers go out to Dorothy Overmyer in the death of her father (Carol's grandfather) in Hartford City.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In a B.C. cartoon, published a few years ago, an anteater ambling along says to himself, "Boy, I could sure go for a peanut butter and ant sandwich". So he finds a hiding place next to an ant trail and says, "Now to wait for an ant to come by carrying a peanut butter sandwich!"
Contrary to what we might wish, the world is often indifferent to our needs, desires, or visions - selfish and unselfish. We are called by God to be co-creators (or "sub creators", if you will) in this world. Freedom, love, justice, and other worthwhile things simply don't wander into our path like an ant carrying a peanut butter sandwich. We have to desire them, think about them, and do our part to see them happen.

"Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

(Matthew 18:18)

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School & Pastors' Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship with Congregational Meeting following
4:00 P.M. Talent Show
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:15 P.M. Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:30 P.M. Softball Game at Franke

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred Hogg's, 1206 3 Rivers, E.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Judy Mey for working in the office while Diane was on vacation last week!

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SERVING JULY 21

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8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, J.
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10:45 A.M. R. Stover-SW, W.
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J. Ohneck, K. Ohneck

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C. Schnobel

GREETERS

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ACOLYTES

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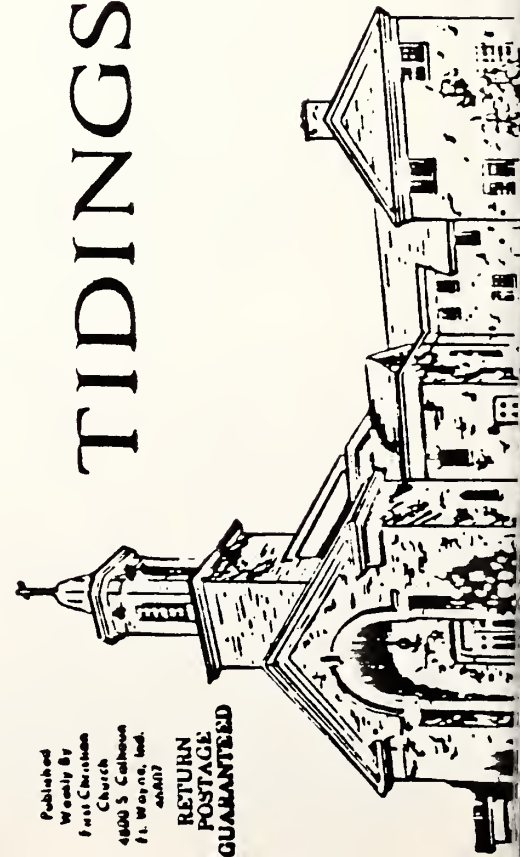
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PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION, AUGUST 11

If you wish to dedicate your child, please call Dick Hamm as soon as possible.

AREA I ANNUAL PICNIC AT AUBURN

All members of Area I Disciple congregations are invited to join in the annual picnic at Auburn Christian Church, Sunday, August 11. Games are at 3:00 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. Come and join the fun!

AUGUST ADVENTURES FOR OUR CHILDREN

All of our children, 3 years - 5th grade, are invited to take part in an exciting program Sunday, August 18 and 25. August 18 is "Clowning In The Park" day, and the kids will take the bus to the park for clowning around! August 25 is Zoo Day, and the kids will go together to the zoo. On both of these special Sundays, kids will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at noon. There will be a brief worship and some Bible time included in the morning. We need a few parents to go along.

Also, for those parents who do not ordinarily attend Sunday School, you are invited to go to breakfast. Meet on the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. We'll be back for 10:45 Service.

Registration forms and permission slips will be available at Sunday School and Extended Session August 4 and 11.

FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

The Festival of Peace and Understanding, planned for August 16-18, is being co-sponsored by IPFW and Associated Churches as an "experiential event". Various events are being developed, from a 5 Km Run and a 1 Mile Walk emphasizing participation rather than competition, to youth art and essays on the theme of Peace and Understanding. Lab Schools will offer demonstrations of ways to teach various age groups appreciation for others, alternatives to conflict or fighting, or global awareness. Drama and music, reading sessions, films, and various games - of the "simulation" or non-competitive variety - will take place Friday and Saturday at the IPFW Campus. A Sunday closing celebration featuring a massed community choir will take place at the Foellinger Theater in Franke Park on August 18.

Mark this weekend on your calendar!

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C. Olson - E. Klepfer

D. Vanderwall - G. Brown

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D. Harter, L. Lewis, D. Graham
BUS DRIVER

Betty Briggs

THANK YOU

I want to thank the members for prayers, cards, and calls during my recent visit to the hospital. I especially would like to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev. Wiltfong, and Janet Weicker for their prayers and calls. It helps to know that others care. God Bless You All.

Ruby Mowery

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP

If you teach an adult, children's, or youth Sunday School Class, or lead an adult study group, or are a youth sponsor, then the Associated Churches has two workshops for you! Here at First Christian, August 21 and 28, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. These workshops will help you better understand and teach your pupils. The registration fee will be paid by the church, so sign up by calling the church office (744-3239), and reserve a place!

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Aug. 8-21

Ron Elliott(8) Denny Andrew(13)
Elizabeth Moody(8)
Betty Briggs(9) Judith Ferguson(1)
Linda Favory(9) Harriett Weaver(1)
Joe Manachanh(9) Rebecca Bowman(1)
Charlene Craig(10) Bruce Grimm(16)
Beverly Johnston(10)
Alice Nulff(10) Lois Finkhousen(18)
Marilyn Snouffer(11)
John Ohneck (11) Julia Bicknell(1)
Krista Rogers(11) Nancy Kolkman(2)

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP
7-14 & 7-21-85

Cheryl & Eula Campbell, 120
W. Pontiac; Karen McMeekin,
4704 Spatz; Mr. & Mrs. Matt
Vorndorn, 4106 S. Webster; Max,
Debbie & Craig Knudson, 2115
Versailles Village Place; Mrs.
W. Miller, 130 W. Maple Grove;
Burt Long, 507 Harbor Walk Dr.;
Connie Ellis, 13218 Timbercrest
Trail; W.B. Leggett, 4903 In-
diana Avenue; Darwin Roach,
1118 W. Oakdale Drive.

HELP THE FOOD BANK

So far this month we have provided 1,035 meals for 115 persons. This has truly depleted our supply of several staple items of food in our food bank. Will you help, either with gifts of food or cash? Most of our food is secured through the Associated Churches Food Warehouse, since they can buy so much more economically than we. However, we do need to support them with our cash gifts so that they have money to buy food. In addition, we urgently need several items of food. There will be a box at the door off the parking lot all during August to receive your donations. Would you give a can of pork and beans on August 4, a can of canned meat or tuna on August 11, a jar of peanut butter on August 18, and a small box of powdered milk on August 25? If each person will help in this way, it will truly give our food bank a boost. Any cash gifts should be clearly marked "for Food Bank". Thank you for your help, past and present!

HELEN DONNELL IS MADE MINISTER OF MUSIC

Helen Donnell, who has been our Director of Music for one year, has been approved by the congregation as Minister of Music. She has received a license for ministry from the Christian Church in Indiana. This doesn't really change anything, it just makes "official" the kind of ministry Helen has been doing with us already.

PRAYER SERVICE SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8

Our Sunday Evening Prayer Service will not meet until Sunday, September 8.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30 P.M. Softball Game at Tillman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

5:30 P.M. Softball Game at Tillman
7:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

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On July 29th, a group of concerned runners from Ft. Wayne and other cities began a 3,000 mile relay run across the United States to maintain awareness and raise funds for famine relief in Africa. The run (entitled "Starve Trek") began in San Francisco and is passing through Sacramento, Reno, Salt Lake City, Omaha, Des Moines, Chicago, Ft. Wayne (11th of August), Washington D.C.; ending in Annapolis, Maryland on August 17th.

The run is to remind people that a critical emergency still exists through-out Africa. Although overall conditions have improved somewhat recently, famine continues to claim thousands of lives. Recent reports from Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, and the Red Cross indicate that conditions actually are worsening in some areas. Each day a thousand people are dying of starvation and hunger-related diseases in Ethiopia alone. Twenty-three other countries are affected also.

To Observe this FAMINE AWARENESS SUNDAY:

- Make a gift to Church World Service,
our church's relief agency.
- Write your congressman and senators urging
them to support famine aid bills now in Congress.

Rebecca Stucky has completed her first album and has cassettes for anyone who would like them. Call Jim or Becky at 447-3826 if interested!

CONDITIONS IN AFRICA

Famine is sweeping nearly 30 countries in the African continent caused by severe drought, desertification, abuse of land, and political and economic policies. It is the worst famine in African history. The most critically affected countries are Ethiopia, Chad, Sudan and Mozambique. In vast areas of the continent the grain crops have failed, the livestock has died off, and now it is the people dying by the thousands and with millions more endangered.

The dimensions of the crisis, according to the United Nations, are that:

- over 30 million people are affected out of the 150 million people living in drought-stricken countries;
- at least 10 million people have been forced to abandon their homes and lands in search of food and water;
- up to half of these are overcrowded in temporary shelters and large numbers have fled to urban areas.

Extraordinary and large-scale action will be required to meet these needs. In the short-term this involves operating emergency feeding programs for famine victims. But these disaster activities can claim only limited effectiveness unless they are integrated with long-term development projects in the areas of food production, water resources, reforestation and public health, together with changes in political and economic policies.

Thanks to a recent influx of aid over the last few months the death rate in Ethiopia from starvation and hunger-related diseases has dropped from 3,000 to 1,000 people per day. Despite this improvement, 1,000 deaths every day is a staggering figure.

All relief agencies agree that a critical emergency will last well into 1986.

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AUGUST ADVENTURES

For 3 year olds through 5th grade

Sunday, August 18 "Clowning in the Park"

Sunday, August 25 "Zoo Trip" (cost 1.25)

Each Sunday the children will leave church at 9:30 A.M. and return at Noon by church bus.

Parents are invited to meet at 9:30 A.M. on the parking lot to go to breakfast together before second service. (Some parent volunteers are needed to go with the children each Sunday)

Turn in your registration form by Wednesday, August 14. Registration is essential.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Don and I will both be in Des Moines August 2-7 for the General Assembly of Disciples. However, we will both be on call to return to the city in case of emergency. Also, Judy Church (Moderator) and Diane Johnson (Church Secretary) will have our numbers in Des Moines.

This promises to be a most interesting Assembly with the election of a new General Minister and President and several provocative issues facing the Church. For me, it will also be a time for getting new ideas, inspiration, and renewal of friendships. Our delegates will report to you later.

I hope your summer is going well!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Our guest speaker August 4 will be Pat Mullen. I know she will have a good message for us.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

Do you feel like something is wrong? Something is missing from your life? Perhaps its because you haven't been to a CWF Bazaar Workshop in such a long time. Have no fear, help is on its way at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13. We are presenting three options that evening. Miriam & Peg will be demonstrating glitter balls made from communion cups, please bring glitter or sequins. Also, it is wreath Tuesday. If you have a half finished pine cone wreath or want to make one please come, we have lots of cones. Perhaps you have an unfinished wreath or other project, bring it along for the fellowship. Kris will also be showing how to stencil on fabric. Hope to see you there!

"SINGING ONE ANOTHER'S SONG"

An all-city massed choir, number unlimited, is being recruited to sing for the closing celebration of the Festival of Peace and Understanding to be held in Foellinger Theater, Franke Park, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at Plymouth Church, 7-9 p.m., each evening August 12, 13, 14, & 15, and at the theater at 4:30 the afternoon of the performance. The choir will be accompanied by a 5 piece combo, including our Jack Lindsay, and will feature soloists Natalie Edmond-English, Dan Andersen, Julie Donnell. Helen Donnell is the director. Everybody, youth and adults, are welcome to sing. (NOTE to choir members - place of rehearsals changed from West Creighton to Plymouth. Choir is pushing 200!)

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ley-NE, M. Mullen, S. Callahan, M.
Callahan, E. Conrad

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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, K. Taylor

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M. John & Betty Briggs
ACOLYTES

Alisha Stover & Heath Hudlow

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Becky Stucky & Sam Hayes

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Milk, Hot Cereal, Canned Meat

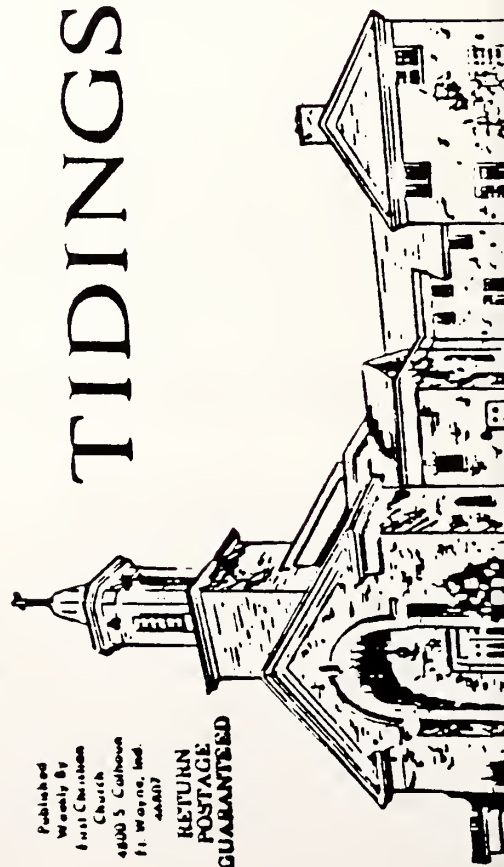
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*Congratulations to Peg Bushirk,
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at Three Rivers Festival!*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Eula & Cheryl Campbell have united with us. They live at 120 W. Pontiac Street.

Vera Watson (Mrs. Mike) transferred her membership during a ceremony in which Michael was dedicated.

Welcome to you all!

AUGUST ADVENTURES FOR OUR CHILDREN

All of our children, 3 years - 5th grade, are invited to take part in an exciting program Sunday, August 18 and 25. August 18 is "Clowning In The Park" day, and the kids will take the bus to the park for clowning around! August 25 is Zoo Day, and the kids will go together to the zoo. On both of these special Sundays, kids will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at noon. There will be a brief worship and some Bible time included in the morning. We need a few parents to go along.

Also, for those parents who do not ordinarily attend Sunday School, you are invited to go to breakfast. Meet on the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. We'll be back for 10:45 Service.

FESTIVAL OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

The Festival of Peace and Understanding, planned for August 16-18, is being co-sponsored by IPFW and Associated Churches as an "experiential event". Various events are being developed, from a 5 Km Run and a 1 Mile Walk emphasizing participation rather than competition, to youth art and essays on the theme of Peace and Understanding. Lab Schools will offer demonstrations of ways to teach various age groups appreciation for Drama and music, reading sessions, films, and various games - of the "simulation" or non-competitive variety - will take place Friday and Saturday at the IPFW Campus. A Sunday closing celebration featuring a massed community choir will take place at the Foellinger Theater in Franke Park on August 18.

Mark this weekend on your calendar!

PRAYER SERVICE - not meeting until September 8.

SERVING AUGUST 25
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Lindsay-SW, M.
Hutchinson-NW, E. Snouffer, M.
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10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, C.
Miller-NW, R. Stover-SE, E.
Zimmerman-NE, Bob Briggs, M.
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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers

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E. Kreischer

ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & Scott Creager

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DIRECTORY

Connie & Vincent Wells tele-
phone number is 744-5710.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob & Ruth Ogles celebrated
their 50th wedding anniversary
on August 3.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

8-4-85

Melissa Haddock, 332 E. Hoover;
Metta Stucky, 928 W. DeWald; Vic-
tryne Armstrong, 2713 Fairfielc
Avenue.

8-11-85

Mrs. Margaret Harris, Box 74
Fairbanks, IN; Mrs. Hazel Johnson
7671 Eagle Valley, Indinapolis,
IN; Kasey & Chris Harter, 4922
Knoll Road; Maxine Peterson, 4641
Avondale Drive; William Watson,
5333 N. Brookwood; Mr. & Mrs.
Charles Stafford, Roachdale, IN;
Brenda Behrman.

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MUSIC AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 1985-1986

Singing is as close to worship as breathing is to life itself. This has been recognized since the earliest Biblical times. Miriam not only sang her praises, but accompanied herself with a percussion instrument and danced! Should we at First Christian do any less?

And so we have a dream. This year we will begin to develop a total choir program for all ages. Its purposes are to encourage its people in true sense of participation and leadership in worship; to teach them to sing or ring or dance as an offering to God; and to help them become well acquainted with the basic elements of worship and of hymns and other music literature of the church.

The other name for "choir" is friendship! Working and playing together on a consistent basis creates a small family within the larger church family. The good feeling of value to a group, of inclusion and caring, is important to everybody, especially for the self-esteem of our children and youth.

In this spirit we begin to build. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of our total congregation which enables a music program to come to life and be a vital part of the Christian community.

THE CHOIRS

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir, numbering over 35 singers and looking for more, sings every Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service, and for special services during Christmas and Easter and for ecumenical and community occasions. It's spirit and enthusiasm are contagious. It recently has been the grateful recipient of 50 new robes, given almost entirely by individual gifts from members of the congregation. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. As well as working hard to have its music a worthy offering to God, it offers an excellent example of adult leadership.....and has a good time doing it!

THE CARILLON

A performing Bell Choir is beloved by everybody! This past year the three octave Bells became additionally equipped with music stands, table covers, and tables built to specification. The choir practices every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 - 5:30, and rings on occasional Sundays as well as for special services. We are losing a few of our ringers to college this fall and so we'd like to know about anyone who can read music a little and would like to learn to ring.

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THE YOUTH CHOIR

All Junior and Senior High young people are invited to form this group. The choir will be singing carefully chosen music from the great classics as well as music of the present day. We dream of it becoming important in the Ministry of Music of the church even as we want to involve our young people in the life of the church and its central act of worship. The choir will rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

THE CELEBRATION

Last year this choir involved children K through 5th grade. This year we would like to divide the group - K-2 and grades 3-5 - in order that the music and activity be better suited to the age differences.

Grades 3-5 will meet from 5 to 5:45 p.m. every Tuesday for music. After supper together, the group will continue with a Junior Youth Fellowship from 6:00 to 6:45.

Grades K-2 will meet for lessons, art, and instruments from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., followed by supper. At 6:00 will be their choir time until 6:45 p.m.

This is a new adventure in programming for children for us. The curriculum will be co-ordinated. We hope to include field trips, fun and learning with Orff instruments, games, stories, singing.....all within the highest ideals of Christian and music education. January, February, and March will be devoted to Moses and the Freedom Fanatics, a children's musical written by Hal Hopson. The musical will be presented Palm Sunday evening. The children will also sing for special services at Christmas and on Mother's Day.

Helen Donnell is the Minister of Music. She will be assisted by Jerry Zimmerman, church organist and accompanist for the Chancel Choir and Youth Choir, and by Valetta Parlette, accompanist for the children's choirs. Sharon Pauley and Nancy Smith will be leading the Junior Youth Fellowship. The children's new program will be guided by Don Wiltfong, Associate Pastor.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER AUGUST 22-
SEPTEMBER 4

- Judy Ford (22)
- Mike Johnson (23)
- Diane Morris (24)
- Marie Redman (24)
- Blanche Tucker (24)
- John "Mac" Olson (25)
- Mary Higgins (26)
- Julie Briggs (26)
- Mary Cook (28)
- Nancy Smith (28)
- Oakley Baugher (29)
- Clarence Hendrickson (29)
- Art Huddleston (29)
- Miriam Bixenman (30)
- Barb Hayes (31)
- Gene Shirley (31)
- Mildred Jewell (1)
- Ruby Johns (2)
- Mildred Sarrazin (1)
- Thomas Penny (2)
- Raymond Sarrazin (2)
- Grace Truby (2)
- Evelyn Yeoman (2)
- Pauline Snyder (3)
- Diane Mory (4)
- Gloria Phillips (4)
- Mark Rayl (4)
- Richard Skelton (4)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Classes to the Park
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 9:45 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 7:00 P.M. Associated Churches Workshop

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Classes to the Zoo
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
- 7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:30 A.M. D.M.A. - Metamora Steam Train Ride

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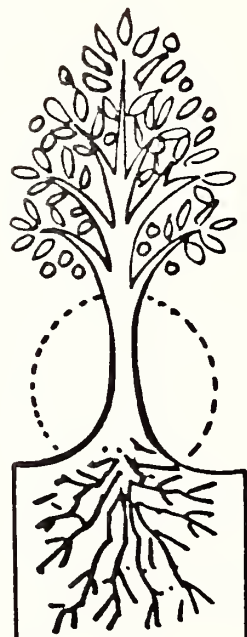
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FOOD BANK NOTICE

This Sunday, August 18, will be P-Nut Butter Sunday and then the following Sunday, August 25, will be Powdered Milk Sunday.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As of September, we will be going to a new format for the Tidings. It will permit much more space for news, education, and promotion. I think you'll be very pleased with it.

Sandy Zimmerman and Mary Cook have been most generous with their time every Wednesday, preparing Tidings to be mailed. They wish a well deserved rest. Therefore, we need some new volunteers to help prepare Tidings on Wednesday mornings. If you would be willing to help in this way, please call the church office. Perhaps you could help once a month, if not every week.

Again, thanks to Sandy and Mary for their labors.

I'll be on vacation until August 25, but Don is available to meet your pastoral needs. My family and I will be poking around in D.C. for a few days. I'm especially eager to visit the Aerospace Museum!

See you soon.

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I realize the lens of the media distorts things. But there are so many prominent religious figures that seem so.....slick.

I know it can't be. I'm certain they have spats with their wife and occasionally walk where their dog has gone before them. I am firm in this conviction because a friend of mine once had the privilege of telling Art Linkletter his fly was down. If that could happen to him it probably occasionally also happens to Robert Schuler and Billy Graham.

And even worse happens. Life is not the slippery waxed slide it appears to be when it is thoroughly rehearsed before the cameras click on. It is often a rough gravel road - something like the ones Jesus must have traveled.

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NW, D. Harter, B. Grimm

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B. Lehman

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J. Jones

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Tammy Davis & Heather Chapin

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LUTHERAN:

M-117 - Bill Caldwell

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424 - Ted Richardson

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Hot cereal, canned meat,
p-nut butter, jelly, powdered
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CONGRATULATIONS!

*Joshua Michael Watson and Matthew
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parents in worship Sunday!*

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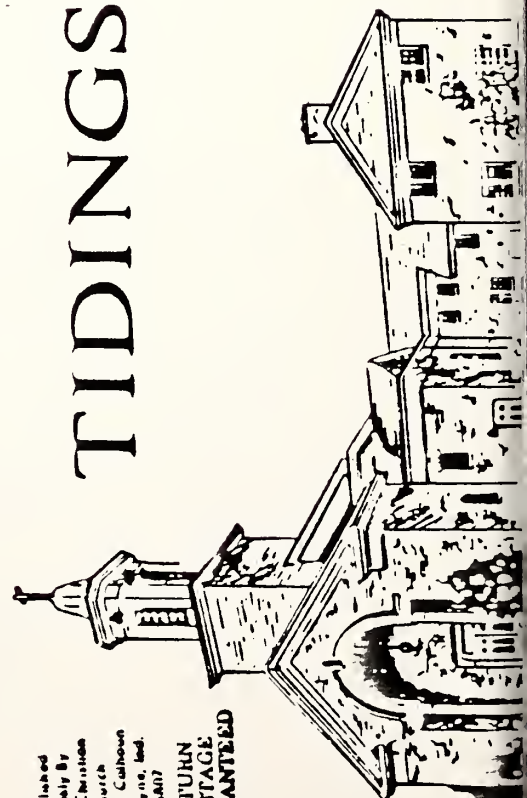
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

This Sunday - September 8

9:30 Back to Church School Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

For all parents and children 3 years old through 5th grade. Food, fellowship, classroom activities, and information on fall children's and adult learning opportunities! Reservations are not necessary, but would be appreciated. Call the church office. The Nurture Seals program returns!

10:45 Teacher/student recognition during worship

Attendance certificates will be given to church school students and tokens of appreciation will be presented to teachers. There will be a service of dedication for teachers for the coming year.

All teachers will be honored at the coffee hour following worship.

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning this Sunday, September 8, an "Introduction to Worship" class will be offered to children in the 2nd grade. This course is intended to help bridge the transition from the extended session program to participation in the complete worship service. The class will meet for 4 weeks during the usual extended session period. Please call Mindy Hamm (745-4536) for further information or to register your child for this program.

NEW CLASS FOR TWO YEAR OLDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8th

Because we now have quite a number of 2 year old children in our nursery, our Christian Education program is expanding. Beginning September 8 there will be a "class" for our 2's during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Parents of 2 year olds are invited to bring their children to the room next to the Nursery room for a time of Christian oriented stories, activities, and play. A big thank-you to Lois Finkhousen, Gini Brown, and Opal Carper who have agreed to share the responsibility of teaching this special age group!

TEACHER'S MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9

All children's and youth teachers - please plan to attend this important informational and training meeting. Extended session leaders should come at 7:00 p.m., all other teachers may join in at 7:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.

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MEMBERS FOR PRAYER SEPTEMBER 12-18

Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Rita Alexander (12)
Barb Finkhousen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Margo Parlette (12)
Earl Stearns (13)
Beulah Timmons (13)
Edith Varner (13)
Marvel Brickley (15)
Tracey Kiessling (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Bruce Lehman (16)
Mindy Hamm (16)
Elna Taylor (16)
Debra White (17)
Dan Flickinger (17)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee
7:00 P.M. Extended Session
Leaders Meeting
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers
Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:30 P.M. Rachel Group at Betty
Grimm's, 1320 W. Sher-
wood Terrace
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 P.M. Capital Funds Campaign
Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 A.M. "Share The Care Day"

NEEDED FOR BAZAAR

Very clean half gallon and one gallon milk cartons. Also, small print Christmas wrap and bulky yarn ties in red, white, or green. Give to Kris, Deb, or Pat. Thank you.

TWO YEAR OLDS HAVE CLASS!

Beginning September 8, there will be an Extended Session class for two year olds! During the second Worship Service two year olds will be taken out of the nursery for activities and stories just for them. Parents, watch for an upcoming letter for details, or call the office!

SUGGESTION BOX!

Something new has been added! We now have a "Suggestion Box" on the window sill across from the chapel. Please put any constructive suggestions you may have for our church in this box. The box will be opened monthly. In this way, we can each help improve our church program and life. Suggestions need not be signed unless you wish to do so.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Carrie and Rich Baker are the proud new parents of Randall!

The Snouffers are grandparents again!

headquartered in St. Louis, National Benevolent Association has care facilities across the United States for emotionally-disturbed children, abused children, mentally-retarded children and adults, as well as retirement living and health services for older adults, and congregational and community programs. We of First Christian Church support these services through our outreach dollars.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

At the General Assembly in Des Moines, John O. Humbert was elected to our church's top position. This 57 year-old pastor has served as deputy general minister since 1977 and will serve for a six-year term. Humbert was elected in a process very similar to that used in calling pastors of local churches.

Kenneth Teegarden, the outgoing Disciples' general minister and president, will join the faculty of the Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

A new ecumenical partnership between the Disciples and the United Church of Christ was endorsed by the General Assembly. This was similar to an action taken by the U.C.C. in their General Synod meeting in Ames, Iowa in July.

This partnership calls for both churches to share in mission, theological inquiry and worship at both the local and national levels. It is not intended as a "binding commitment to become one church, but more than the continuation of another round of study or cooperative mission without any commitment to pursuing a common future."

PRE-MARITAL SEMINAR

If you are contemplating marriage (even if not your first), you are invited to the Pre-marital seminar sponsored jointly by First Christian, West Creighton Avenue Christian, and Saturn Christian, on Sunday, September 15, 2:30 - 8:00 p.m. Call Dick Hamm to RSVP by Monday, the 9th. No charge except \$2.50 for supper. Come and receive help with legal matters, communication, sexuality, finance, and more!

BE AWARE - MOONIES ARE IN TOWN

Those corner flower salespeople are earning money for the Unification Church, although when asked, one said he was putting himself through college!

"COME AND STAY" ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our CWF is sponsoring an All Church Ice Cream Social on September 22, Sunday, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. The idea is to come, enjoy your home-made ice cream and pie or cookies and stay for the program of special music by Glenn Miller, the Parlettes, and their musical group, and then play Disciple Trivia. You will truly learn more about your church as you play the game. Phyllis Fitch and her CWF worship committee are planning the closing worship. Donation for pie and ice cream is \$1.15, and \$1.00 for cookies and ice cream.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will have their first meeting of the fall at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 16. They will continue with their study of Lloyd Oglivie's book, The Bush Is Still Burning. Anyone interested is invited to come and join this study group.

INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

The annual Church Women United Interfaith Luncheon will be held at the Scottish Rite Banquet Hall on Monday, September 23, at 12:00 noon. The program will feature 3 speakers: Jaesoon Martin from Korea, Etsuko Bundy from Japan, and Marta Gabre-Tadsich from Ethiopia. Music will be furnished by the Junior Choir of Holy Cross Lutheran School. Theme for this year is "All God's Children". Tickets are \$4.50 each. Reservations, with money, may be made at the church office or to Peggy Buskirk, CWF President (745-3365), but all reservations must be in by September 11.

BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC NOTES

CHANCEL CHOIR - practices Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. This group had a fantastic time last week! Come join the fun!

CARILLON - this group has lost a number of its ringers, mostly because they went away to college or moved! If you can read music a little and would like to learn to ring, please call Helen (432-0152). She will be overjoyed! Rehearsals are Sundays at 4:00 p.m., beginning September 15.

YOUTH CHOIR - a new group is forming, grades 6-12, and will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We look forward to good times together, beginning September 17.

THE CELEBRATION - will be divided grades K-2 and 3-5, and will meet on Tuesday afternoons, not only for singing but for supper and lessons and fun times. It will begin the first week in October.

LAST CALL FOR ISRAEL!

If you are interested in going to Israel with Dick Hamm January 28 for eight days he needs to hear from you no later than this Wednesday, September 11. Call him with any questions you may have.

PRAYER SERVICE BEGINS ANEW THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Why not make a covenant with God to start the new year right by regularly attending this brief service (7:15 - 8:00 p.m.) Sundays?

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to drive our bus route once a month? You need a chauffeur's license, but not a medical exam. If you are in reasonably good physical condition and are willing to help the church in this way, please call Dick Hamm this week! We have the study book for the chauffeur's exam.

THE SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

The Secret Place is a fine daily devotional booklet. The new quarter is now available at the church. Get your copy this Sunday!

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INVITATION

Gwen Marie Fields and Steven Edward Grimm invite you to share in the ceremony uniting them in marriage on Saturday, the fourteenth of September, Nineteen hundred and eighty-five, at six-thirty in the evening at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PRAYER & CONCERN

Judy Mey is at home.

Bill Caldwell is at home.

Florence Hagar is now in Regency Nursing Home.

Beulah Timmons is recuperating at her brother's home.

Jack Lindsay's mother died in August also in Ohio.

The Briggs (John, Betty, & Julie) have moved into their new home in Rensselaer, Indiana. John & Betty are both teaching school. We hate to see them go but are thankful for their new opportunities.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

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Mel Settlemyre, 1641 Paldao Court, Springfield, OH; Mr. George Perkins, Anchorage, KY; Jennifer Moser, 3335 McKinnie Avenue; Daniel Moser, 3335 McKinnie Avenue; Mr. Stephan Lee, 3335 McKinnie Avenue; Margery Kump, 422 S. Ogle, Mt. Morris, ILL; Patrice Nightingale, 6052 Turtle Creek Drive.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a special coffee hour on Sunday, September 8. The coffee hour has been planned as a special time to welcome back those who have been vacationing this summer or away at lakes. Now, as school and fall activities begin, we, too, begin a full schedule of church activities. What better time to return to regular church attendance than during the month of September, widely designated as Church Loyalty Month. Come, go to this special coffee hour and greet friends you may not have seen all summer.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Remember to save October 16 for the Regional CWF Retreat at our church.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Canned Meats, Fruit, Cereal

On August 21, 1985 the Food Bank of First Christian Church sent \$300.00 to Associated Churches so that they could purchase food in bulk amounts.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Fasten your seatbelts! Summer is over and it's into the new program year.....ready or not! Well, I feel pretty ready! We've got some great things going for this year that should help us all find a closer walk with the Lord. I hope you'll be here this Sunday as we celebrate our education programs!

I'm beginning a new adult Sunday School class on Sunday, September 15. We will begin with a study called "Cults, Charisma, and Mind Control", which will include an audio-visual presentation. Join me in the Church parlor, 9:30 a.m. sharp! Coffee provided! All adults not attached to a class are invited!

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

P.S. Due to Diane's illness (our secretary), there was no Tidings last week. We are thankful to have her back with us!

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

This past Sunday the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette asked randomly selected people this question: "If a company has been criticized for its dealings in South Africa, should the company receive tax-free loans to expand in Fort Wayne? Should the dealings in South Africa make any difference?"

Most appear to have answered that, because of unemployment any company should be encouraged to create jobs in the Fort Wayne area no matter what they are doing in South Africa.

Granted, this is a choice between two very real evils; and it is natural to prefer the alternative with positive effects close to home. But there is a hard lesson to be learned. For many reasons, we cannot separate ourselves from what is happening in South Africa. Some coincide with our immediate self interest like our need for South African products, or not wanting a local employer who has demonstrated a lack of ethical conviction.

Another reason is more aloof, but actually has more impact: The plain fact is that one is not a mere spectator. By passively accepting the oppression of blacks in South Africa we become accomplices hammering the chains of oppression. Make no mistake. We are not innocent bystanders.

Nelson Mandela, the jailed-leader of the African National Congress, jailed since 1962, was offered freedom by the President of South Africa under the stipulation that he compromise himself and the views of the African National Congress. He refused, and sent this message to a rally: "Your freedom and mine cannot be separated".

Nor can our freedom be separated, really.

- Sam

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Wayne Johnson

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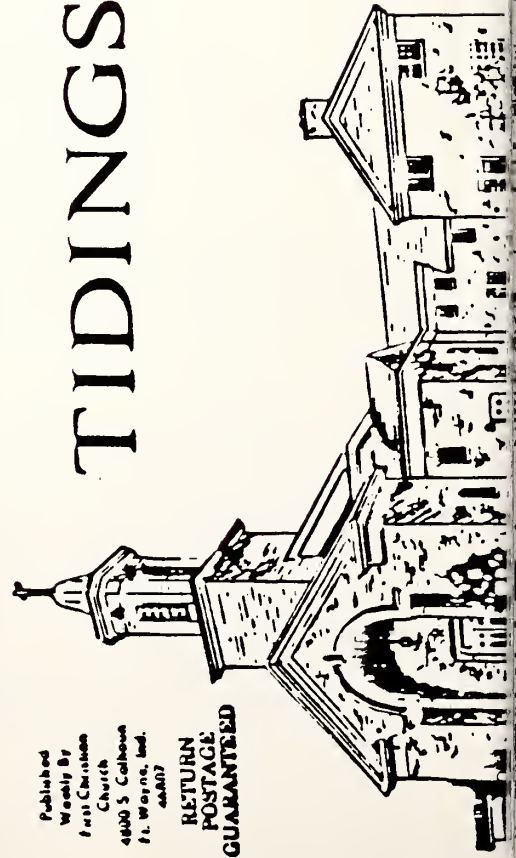
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PRAYER SERVICE 7:15 - 8:00 P.M.

Prayer Service is a weekly discipline that draws us closer to God and deeper into the life of the Spirit. Most of the time is given to silent prayer. Come and try it!

ORDINATION & RECOGNITION THIS SUNDAY

In a very brief but moving ceremony, our new elders will be ordained in the 10:45 a.m. service. Also, elders emeritus will be recognized in a special way.

"COME AND STAY" ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our CWF is sponsoring an All Church Ice Cream Social on September 22, Sunday, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. The idea is to come, enjoy your home-made ice cream and pie or cookies and stay for the program of special music by Glenn Miller, the Parlettes, and their musical group, and then play Disciple Trivia. You will truly learn more about your church as you play the game. Phyllis Fitch and her CWF worship committee are planning the closing worship. Donation for pie and ice cream is \$1.15, and \$1.00 for cookies and ice cream.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30 P.M. Choir Party at the
Falbe's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 A.M. "Share The Care Day"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

2:30 P.M. Pre-marital Seminar
at West Creighton

4:00 P.M. Carillon Bell Choir

7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Bazaar Workshop

7:00 P.M. Youth Choir Begins

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER September 19-25

Ruth Eiler (19)

Virginia Johnson (19)

Mary Novachcoff (19)

Rosalie Hall (20)

Klark Kerley (20)

Ellen Crowder (21)

Nena Lucas (21)

Ruth Norton (21)

Michele Coleman (22)

Bert Leversee (22)

Anita Gross (23)

Robert Petty (24)

Jennie Harter (25)

Sandra Farrell (25)

CARILLON BELL CHOIR WILL MEET

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 4:00 P.M.

DESK NEEDED

Do you have a desk you no longer need? Large or small, we need a desk for occasional use at the church. Call the office, please. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Don & Nancy Kolkman are the proud parents of Audra Ruth, born September 5. Bob & Bev Hendricks are the grandparents.

TAPES AVAILABLE

Becky Stucky, whose voice has been enjoyed by us all for many years, has made a stereo cassette "Sing Unto the Lord". This tape is available from Becky for \$8.00, or call the church office to order yours. The tape includes "The Lord's Prayer", "Easter Song" and seven others. Back-up is provided by the Freiman String Quartet, Sara Davis piano, and others.

GRIEF GROUP TO BEGIN

Have you lost a loved one during the last year or so? Do you find yourself given to depression and other symptoms of grief? Here is help for you! Dick Hamm will begin a monthly grief group on Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the church. Please call the office to register or to indicate your interest in this group even if you cannot make the first session. Come and find support among others who really know what you are experiencing.

N.O.A.R.

A few weeks ago, the congregation received a letter and a response form from Jack Weicker, chairman of our Stewardship of Accumulated Resources Committee. Please give careful consideration to his request and send in the response form. If you need another form, please call the office. Thank you very much.

GROUP TO C.L.E.A.R. DAY

Jerry Zimmerman, Helen Donnell, Judy Church, Bill Franklin, and Liz Johnson all went to CTS last Saturday for an excellent Regional leadership Development program. We appreciate their time, and they all found the event to be excellent.

DEPRESSION & SUICIDE AMONG YOUTH SEMINAR

IPFW is offering this seminar on October 4, Friday, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m., with an additional lecture the evening before at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in one or both of these sessions, call Dick Hamm.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Six two hour sessions are being offered to help women overcome passivity. Sessions are October 1, 8, 15, 22, November 5, 19; 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Liz Johnson.

THANKS BRUCE!

Our softball team had another season of slight improvement. By 1990 or so we'll undoubtedly have a winning season! Well, it was a winning season, cause we all had a great time together. Thanks to Bruce Lehman for being an excellent coach (we admit that any apparent problems are due to the available talent rather than the coaching!). We've got a year to heal guys!

BAZAAR WORKSHIP

*Again we have called on Mabel,
To lead our crafters table.*

*In the evening she will demonstrate,
Three pasta headed potentates.*

*All that she requires of you,
Is your presence, scissors, and
a little glue.*

Hope to see you Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Lowell Davis, of Savannah, Missouri, has set about writing an unusual book. Its 679 pages contain the 3,487 names of everyone he remembers meeting since he was 3 years old. It contains such entries as "Dick Edwards-roustabout", and "Leonard McKnight-fond of chicken gravy".

The title of his book is "How Many People Do You Meet in a Lifetime?". The question might also be turned to, "How many people does one life impact?", because in each exchange we have with an individual, we either enrich their life, or impoverish it, even in some slight way. How many people will your life impact today?

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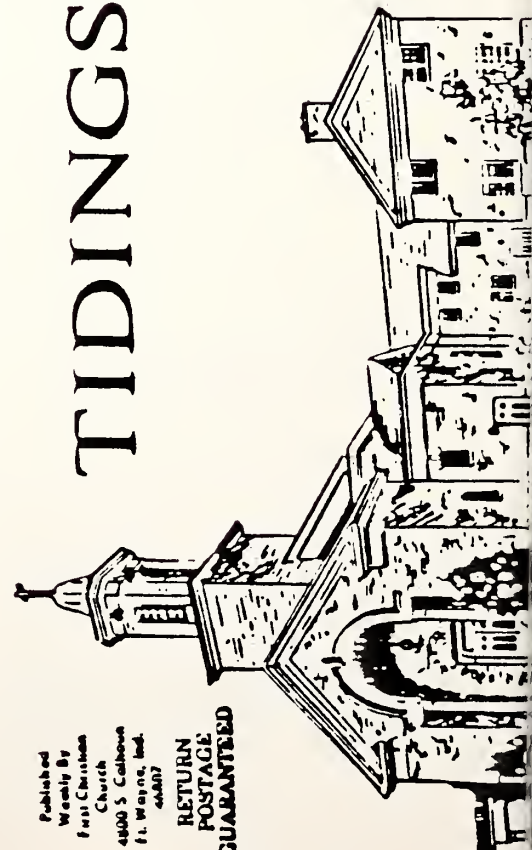
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Deb & Larry Strickland, 1331 Woodmoor Drive 46804, phone # 436-1331, transferred their membership from First Christian, Noblesville. Welcome to them and to their quadruplets!

Gina Mielke, 3045 St. Louis Avenue 46809, phone # 747-7262, came by transfer from the Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Gina and the Stricklands all joined during the 8:15 a.m. service Sunday. Welcome!

D.M.A. TRIP SEPTEMBER 27

The Don't Mention Age Fellowship (for all ages) will be going to the Indianapolis 500 Museum and the St. Clair Glass Works in Elwood on Friday, September 27, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$17.00 plus lunch as you wish. Call the church office to RSVP. Only 21 seats available in the mini-coach.

FIRST CHRISTIAN SINGLES MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:00 P.M.

All singles are welcome to come and join in a brief presentation by Dick Hamm and then to go bowling. This is our first regular monthly meeting, and we hope you'll be there! We'll meet at the church.

ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Be sure to come out from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. this Sunday, September 22, for the All Church Ice Cream Social. There will be plenty of home-made pies and cookies and home-made ice cream. Stay for the program of music by the Glenn Miller, Vee & Don Parlette group and join in the fun of playing Disciple Trivia. Cost of pie and ice cream is \$1.25, cookies and ice cream is \$1.00. Enjoy this social time with our church family.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

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JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - PIZZA AND PLANNING PARTY

The Junior Youth Fellowship is going to be launched with a pizza and planning party on Sunday, September 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Pizza Hut on Paulding at Anthony. Children in grades 3, 4, and 5 need to call the church office or Sharon Pauley to make reservations by Friday. The children will be the guests of the Pauleys. However, parents will need to provide transportation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AFTER 10:45 SERVICE TO CONSIDER THE 1986 BUDGET.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.

Assembly endorses proposals to support over-all ministry

Computer technology

The General Assembly adopted a resolution encouraging its members to participate in government, industry and business decision-making on computer technology. The resolution expressed concern on education needed on moral and ethical implications of computer technology.

cording to the Rev. Linda Hanna Walling, Macon, Ga., who spoke in support.

In a resolution on charitable contributions deductions, the assembly asks the church to inform constituencies and church members to study and endorse legislation supporting a law to make charitable giving a permanent income tax deduction.

In other actions, the 1985 General Assembly:

- Voted to concentrate on giving support to congregations with small memberships by development of program materials especially for them. It also asks the regions to place special emphasis on these congregations.

- Called for multi-cultural program and curriculum materials and encouraging congregations to use the material and multi-cultural leadership.

- Recognized the 75th anniversary of the Christian Board of Publication and its partnership with the Division of Homeland Ministries and its predecessor in publishing educational material.

- Gave recognition to interim ministry specialists and calls on congregations to use these interim specialists and urges all pastors, congregations, regions and units to use the specialized resources and training opportunities to train interim ministers.

- Voted to amend The Design of the church and grant

voting privileges in General Assembly to licensed ministers with standing. The current design grants voting privileges to ordained ministers with standing; congregational representatives; regional representatives; General Board members; chief administrative officers of Disciples higher education institutions and general administrative units; and former moderators and vice-moderators.

- Opposed the proposed tax reform eliminating rental allowances or rental value of a minister's home. With the elimination of the tax allowance, clergy living in parsonages on the church premises would not pay taxes. Those living in parsonages off church premises or receiving cash parsonage allowances would have to pay the taxes, it was explained.

- Adopted, after much debate, a revision of its document on ministerial placement principles and procedures. The revision, section 6 on ministerial relocation, is in response to a resolution from the 1981 Anaheim, Calif., General Assembly, which asked the task force on the ministry to revise the document.

- Received a report, to be used for study, from the commission on theology that proposes discussions on "three-fold" ministry of deacon, presbyter and bishop.

Finance actions

The Assembly adopted a resolution recognizing 50 years of cooperative mission finance of the church. The resolution asks church bodies to interpret their ministries as part of the whole church and asks Disciples to renew their commitment to cooperation and growth in unified giving to the church.

In another finance-related resolution, the Assembly endorsed by resolution a new financial thrust to raise giving to world work of the church to \$25 million by 1988. The resolution calls for all Disciples congregations, regions, districts, institutions and general units to give primary emphasis to this financial thrust so that Basic Mission Finance of the church will reach \$25 million by 1988 and go higher in the coming years.

The increase will only be 33 percent higher than the present level of giving ac-

DINNERS OF 6 & 8

Again this year our membership committee is sponsoring Dinners of 6 & 8. For Dinners of 6, the groups will eat out (dutch treat). For Dinners of 8, the groups will eat in homes, with the participants sharing food preparation. For Dinners of 6, a designated member of each group will select a place and time, make a reservation, and notify others in the group. For Dinners of 8, one set of 2 is designated hostesses each time. They provide the home, furnish meat and beverage, and call all others in their group. Other group members bring salad and rolls, vegetables, and dessert. Groups in both dinners rotate each time, so its a wonderful way to get acquainted. We urge both couples and singles to sign up for their dinners. You may call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), or sign up at church on September 22 or 29 - for the dinners to be held in October and November. Another round of dinners will be held in the spring.

UPCOMING SEMINAR

A seminar on "The Basics of Christian Faith: Theology 2-A" will be offered from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., October 9 to November 6. We will be discussing the book God Is Never Absent by Dr. Clark Williamson, Professor of Theology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The cost of the book is 50¢. To sign up for the course please call the church office (744-3239). The books are available now, and you will need to have one before the seminar begins.

WEEK OF MINISTRY

On October 6 - Ed Allen, Jr. (Chip), will be our guest speaker for Week of Ministry Sunday. There will be a Salad Luncheon following worship to visit with him. Bring a salad and come!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope you like the new Tidings format! It gives us much more room for promotion of programs and news.

I have been struggling with whether or not to go ahead with my trip to Israel. However, I have definitely decided "YES" as I have received a few more participants registrations. There is still plenty of room, however, so contact me for information. It is time to make your plans now, to allow time for securing a passport and such. We will depart on January 28, 1986. Side trips to Greece, Rome, Egypt and other places are available for those interested. Call me as soon as possible, please. Non members are, of course, welcome to join us.

Well, fall is well underway program-wise, and its been a grand beginning for what I am confident will be a great year for First Christian. I pray it will be a great year for you, personally, as well.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 15

Mrs. Mildred Meese, 1940-1 Fox Point Trail; Mr. Kent Ellis, Ross Ade Dr., Apt. N. #6, West Lafayette, IN; Eric & Tammy Halbrook, 1245½ Huestis Avenue; Mattie Williams, 3314 Lillie Street.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Would you like to be able to meet people more easily and to compatibly "strike up" a conversation? Our Evangelism Committee is offering "hospitality training" on Saturday, October 12, at the Westerfields, at 7:00 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

Steve Grimm (son of Merle & Betty) and Gwen Fields were united to marriage Saturday evening, September 14, here at First Christian Church.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

The story is told in Jewish literature about the Emperor Hadrian. As he was riding to war, he passed a garden where he saw a very old man planting a fig seedling. "Why in your old age do you work so zealously? Do you expect to eat the fruit of the tree you are planting?"

"If it be God's will, I shall eat of it." The old man replies; "If not, my sons will enjoy it".

Often I have heard people say, "If the world holds together until I die, I'll be satisfied". But technology has brought us to a point in history where more than at any previous point in the history of humanity the decisions we make in these years will have a profound effect on the lives of future generations. Chemical and nuclear waste, land use, the desertification of farmland, destruction by nuclear warfare - all these issues and more have a tremendous impact for future generations.

So while much is being said and written about the "global community" we need to discover that we are now a part of a "temporal community" the community by which reaches across time and into the future. Long after we pass from the earth, people will live with our decisions. Let us plant fig trees that, even if we don't live to partake of their fruit, our sons and daughters will enjoy them.

- Don

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship at
Pizza Hut S. Anthony
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:00 NOON Interfaith Luncheon
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World Meeting
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Glass Works and
Museum

BIRTHDAYS September 26-October 2

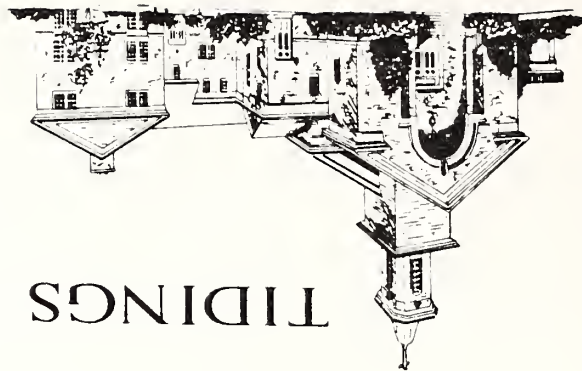
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Ellyn Kreischer (28)
John Briggs (29)
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Ralph Richards (29)
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YOUTH GROUPS UNDERWAY!

Junior Youth Fellowship (3-5 grades) is meeting Sundays, 5:30 p.m., at the church. Mrs. Pauley is sponsor.

Chi Rho Fellowship (6-8 grades) is meeting Sundays at 5:30 p.m., at the church. Lori Lewis and Dan and Lanelle Ross are sponsors.

Christian Youth Fellowship (9-12 grades) is deciding their regular meeting time this week.

CREATIVE ARTS IN WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

The Children's choir program takes on extra dimensions this year! Other "gifts of the Spirit" will be included, and the children will be divided into age groups so that their music and related activities can be designed more appropriately for their activities and interests.

The music portion will include singing, drama, playing Orff instruments (when they come in), and a taste of interpretive movement or liturgical dance. The activity portion will include art, stories, rhythmic games, and visiting artists. The whole program will be related to the gifts we bring to the worship services.

The first quarter curriculum has to do with "Lambs, Blackeyed Peas, and Chosen Gifts"! And beginning in January, "Moses and the Freedom Fighters", a children's musical!

The schedule is as follows:

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Grades 3,4,5 - Choir	Grades K-2 Activities
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Supper together	
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Grades K-2 - Choir	Grades 3,4,5 Activities
6:30 - 6:45 p.m.	Closing Activity and a brief worship	

Suppers will be prepared by Deb Miller and Genie Slick and will cost 50¢ per child. Nancy Smith will teach the activity periods, and Helen Donnell, the choirs. Terri Pfenning will be the choir mother, and Valetta Parlette, the accompanist.

The program will be on Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., beginning October 1. All children grades K-5 are invited to come and enjoy, and to develop their talents to give!

FIRST CHRISTIAN SINGLES MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7:00 P.M.

All singles are welcome to come and join in a brief presentation by Dick Hamm and then to go bowling. This is our first regular monthly meeting, and we hope you'll be there! We'll meet at the church.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Would you like to be able to meet people more easily and to compatibly "strike up" a conversation? Our Evangelism Committee is offering "hospitality training" on Saturday, October 12, at the Westerfields, at 7:00 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:45 A.M. SERVICE

DIACONATE MEETING - 7:00 8:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

SALAD LUNCHEON - OCTOBER 6, 12:00 NOON

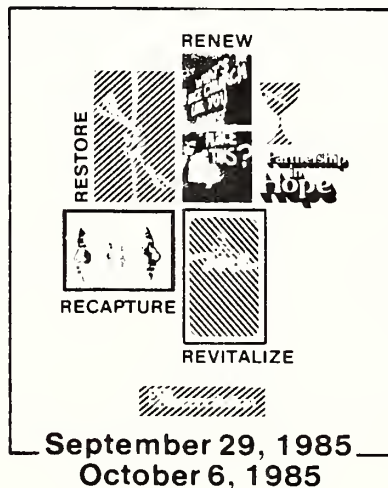
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NEW BUS DRIVERS!

Thanks to Dave Arnos and Bill DeVinney, who are new drivers on our bus route. Thanks also to Bruce Lehman who is continuing to serve. We still need two more drivers to make it once a month for each. Call Dick if you're interested!

This ministry continues to grow as there are sometimes 10 taking the bus who could not otherwise attend.



Reconciliation is the domestic "race and poverty" fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The "Reconciliation Emphasis" began in 1967 as the church's effort to combat the root causes of problems related to what was then described as America's urban crisis. A special offering is received (usually in late September or early October) by most congregations. The funds are divided 50/50 between the regional and national Reconciliation programs.

TO THE CHURCH - INVITATION

September 28th, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. is the wedding of Schellie R. Schell to Bruce Englehart. I would like to invite you to join us on the evening of celebration of our union. Please attend if you can
Schellie

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The Division of Homeland Ministries exists to support our congregation's life and ministry. It is there to help educate, to undergird church fellowship groups, to train leaders within the congregation and beyond, to assist in social outreach, and to strengthen mission efforts in the world and at home. The Division of Homeland Ministries is us at work.

CALLING ALL WOMEN.....

Remember to save Wednesday, October 1 for the Regional CWF Retreat to be held at First Christian Church!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP -

September 22, 1985

Miss Phyllis Hipp; Miss Debi Webb
3309 Hoagland Avenue; Miss Samantha
Wright, 6501 S. Calhoun Street; Mr.
Mrs. Jamie Cardill, 2303 Marcy Lane
Mrs. Garent Strickland, Marion, OH; Mrs.
Joe Gordon, 4538 S. Calhoun Street; Miss
Elizabeth Armstrong, 5102 Holton Avenue

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Are there things about yourself that you don't like? Dumb question! We all have things about ourself that we wish were different. But, why is changing so difficult?

Well, unfortunately, even though we wish some things were different about us, we may not really want to change. We can change when we really want to change. But sometimes we have to feel an awful lot of pain before we really want to change.

Then, too, we have a tendency to blame others for the way we are. "It's all my mother's fault" is the proverbial Freudian joke, but we do tend to blame Mom, or Dad, or the way we were raised, or the tough breaks we got, and everything and everybody but ourselves. If we want to become new, then we must take responsibility for changing ourselves. Nobody can do it for us.

Of course, there are lots of resources to help us change.....pastors, counselors, books. And God wants to help, of course. But we have to want to change, and we must take responsibility for changing ourselves.

I'm dee-lighted with the turn out for my Sunday School class on cults.....24 of us! I'll be offering this study again on evenings or a Saturday.

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

NURTURE SEALS PROGRAM CONTINUES

Would your child like a First Christian Painter's Cap, a chocolate scented pencil, Bible card game, puzzle, necklace, or a new book? These gifts and others can be earned by children in our Church School Nurture Seals Attendance Program. The gifts and the number of seals required for each are on display in the showcase in Fellowship Hall. Five seals can be earned each week: 2 for attendance, 2 for being on time (9:30), and 1 as chosen by the teacher. There are still 7 more weeks left to earn seals - so it's not too late to get started! Come to Church School next week, earn seals for quality Christian gifts, and grow in the Christian faith!

DINNERS OF 6 & 8

Again this year our membership committee is sponsoring Dinners of 6 & 8. For Dinners of 6, the groups will eat out (dutch treat). For Dinners of 8, the groups will eat in homes, with the participants sharing food preparation. For Dinners of 6, a designated member of each group will select a place and time, make a reservation, and notify others in the group. For Dinners of 8, one set of 2 is designated hostesses each time. They provide the home, furnish meat and beverage, and call all others in their group. Other group members bring salad and rolls, vegetables, and dessert. Groups in both dinners rotate each time, so it's a wonderful way to get acquainted. We urge both couples and singles to sign up for their dinners. You may call the church office or Miriam Bixenman (745-3365), or sign up at church on this Sunday - for the dinners to be held in October and November. Another round of dinners will be held in the spring.

UPCOMING SEMINAR

A seminar on "The Basics of Christian Faith: Theology 2-A" will be offered from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., October 9 to November 6. We will be discussing the book God is Never Absent by Dr. Clark Williamson, Professor of Theology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The cost of the book is 50¢. To sign up for the course, please call the church office (744-3239). The books are available now, and you will need to have one before the seminar begins.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Dick Vanderwall
10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and
Bert Leversee
DIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 A.M. J. Kelly-SW, J. Young-NW,
B. Grimm, G. Brown
10:45 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, K. Ohneck-
NW, S. Kerley-SE, B. Kerley-NE, E.
Klepfer, K. Tobias, P. Tobias, C.
Miller

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wester-
field, J. Lindsay, J. Jones, K. Taylor
GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

ACOLYTES

Steve Mullen & Aimee Pratt

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Progressive Class
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M. Mullen & Callahan's
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Bruce Lehman

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Becky Stucky & Connie Wells

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn
10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson

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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Canned Meat, P-Nut
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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Congregational Meeting
4:30 P.M. Carillon Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship at the
big Pavilion in Foster Park
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

3:00 P.M. Cardio-vascular Group
5:00 P.M. Children's Choir
7:00 P.M. Diaconate Meeting
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace Truby's,
440 Englewood Court

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

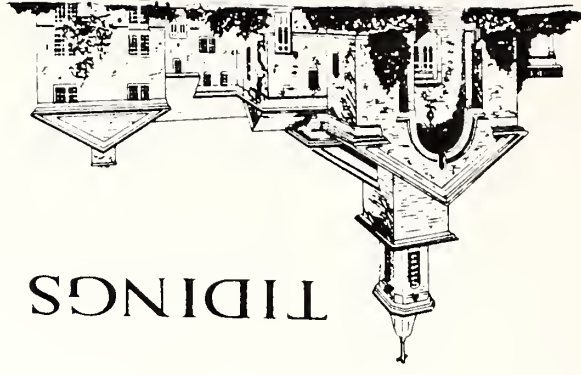
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Bruce Stone (3)
Becky Stucky (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Brian Hayes (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
Doug Rogers (5)
Earl Plummer (6)
Ruby Kolkman (7)
Bryce Stover (7)
Gina Mielki (7)
Eileen Klepfer (8)
Bill Johnson (9)
Joe Overmyer (9)

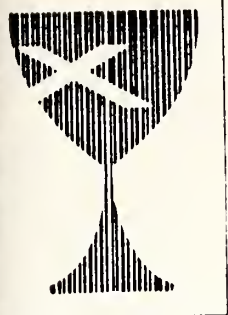
NOTE - The Junior Youth Fellowship will
meet this Sunday, September 29, 1985
from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the big
pavilion in Foster Park!

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COME AND STAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL BIG SUCCESS

Didn't we have fun September 22 at the Ice Cream Social? We surely all enjoyed the band, the home-made ice cream, pies, and cookies. We will play Disciple Trivia at a later date.

DINNERS OF 8 & 6

If you did not sign up for the Dinners of 8 or Dinners of 6 the last 2 Sundays, be sure to phone the church office or Miriam Bixenman this week to get your name on the list. This is a wonderful way to enjoy fun and fellowship and get better acquainted with your church family.

DON'T MENTION AGE COLOR TOUR

On Saturday, October 26, the "Don't Mention Ager's" will have a color tour in southern Michigan and will stop at the Turkey House. Cost \$10.00 for coach. Depart 8:00 a.m., return in afternoon. Call the church office to RSVP now!

SHARE THE CARE OCTOBER 12

Saturday, October 12, the Property Committee is having a "Share The Care" Day to prepare the grounds and building for winter. Come all or part of the time from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WEEK OF THE MINISTRY THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday we will celebrate the ministry. Ed Allen, one of First Christian Church's Timothy's (a person who decided upon full-time Christian service while at First Christian Church) will be preaching. We'll enjoy a salad luncheon after worship.

ACTIVE PARENTING SEMINAR

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1986 BUDGET

The 1986 budget was approved at a congregational meeting Sunday. If you would like a copy of that budget, call the church office.

FIRST CHRISTIAN SINGLES REPORT

Nine of us enjoyed our first meeting together, which was a bowling outing. On October 27, we will go together to Takaoka for supper. Please RSVP by calling 744-3239 by October 20. All singles welcome!

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Would you like to be able to meet people more easily and to compatibly "strike up" a conversation? Our Evangelism Committee is offering "hospitality training" on Saturday, October 12, at the Westerfields, at 7:00 p.m.

TEACHER'S PICNIC SATURDAY

All children's and youth church school and extended session teachers and substitutes are invited to a picnic this Saturday, October 5, at Foster Park beginning at 3:30. Bring your families and one dish to share - meat, salad, or dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. Come, relax, enjoy the autumn colors in the park, and fellowship with fellow teachers and their families. In case of very cold or rainy weather, we will meet at the church.

CHI RHO

This Sunday, October 6, the Chi Rho (middle school) Youth Fellowship will be going to the movies, and then for pizza. Bring enough money for the movie (about \$5.00) -- the pizza will be provided! Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m., as usual, but plan on staying later than 7:00. See you there!

CYF

CYF has a planning meeting this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (which is, incidentally, our regular meeting time!). We will be electing officers for the first half of the year, and planning for our retreat at Barbee October 11, 12, and 13. If you need information on the retreat, call the church office or talk to Don Wiltfong!

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-29-85

Rob Fenning, 4810 Smith St.; Steve & Judy Evans, 1132 Nuttman Avenue; Ralf Mavin; Donna Evans, 1310 W. 116th, #7, Cleveland, OH; Lois M. Johnson, 26728 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village, OH; Harold Cline, 2700 S.W. 16th, #153, Amarillo, TX.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship will not meet on Sunday, October 6. It will instead meet on Monday, October 7, at 5:00 p.m. at the Achduth Vesholom Congregation, 5200 Old Mill Road. The meeting will consist of a tour of the temple and the booth constructed as part of Sukka the Jewish thanksgiving holiday. Interested parents may join the tour or the children can be picked up at about 6:00 p.m.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

A rose is a rose is a rose but for those coming to the Bazaar Workshop on October 5, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., a rose is potpourri. We are planning to use all those carefully gathered petals you have generously contributed and use them in sachets and decorations. Please bring a few yards of teeny tiny ribbon and glue. A change of 75¢ a head will be asked to defray the cost. This is also a good time to bring those milk cartons, wrapping papers, and bulky ties to create gift boxes. Hope to see you there!

SPONSORS FOR NEW MEMBERS

We have a number of people who have agreed to serve as sponsors for new members for 6 months after they join our church, but more are needed. Responsibilities include:

1. Introducing the new member to people at coffee hour.
2. Sit with them in church the first Sunday or two.
3. Call them on the phone, go out with them to lunch or dinner once, or call on them personally.
4. Bring them to a fellowship event of the church.

If you would be willing to do this, please notify the church office this week!

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE DISCIPLE MAGAZINE?

Have you been receiving the Disciple Magazine regularly? If yours has become irregular, or if you are not on the mailing list and want to be, please notify the church office or Miriam Bixenman Membership Chairwoman. Also, if you are on the list and do not wish to receive the magazine, please notify us.

RECONCILIATION

September 29-October 6 is the week set aside for the annual Reconciliation emphasis of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Approximately half of all Reconciliation gifts are returned to the regions for their own programs and projects. In Indiana, your gifts to Reconciliation in 1984 have gone to support the following ministries:

38TH STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION PROJECT, INDIANAPOLIS
THE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CRAWFORDSVILLE
FRIENDS OF THE UNEMPLOYED, SOUTH BEND
PROJECT EQUALITY "CREATIVE PURCHASING PLAN", STATEWIDE
THE VICTIM OFFENDER RECONCILIATION PROGRAM, VALPARAISO

To describe just one of these programs, the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of Valparaiso is a low-cost community based justice alternative which allows the victim and offender to have a face-to-face meeting in the presence of a trained community mediator. The victim of a crime is given the rare opportunity to express his/her feelings and get many questions answered. The offender begins to learn the human dimension of crime and has the opportunity to express remorse. Both parties may then begin to work toward a meaningful restitution agreement. It has been the experience of the program that nearly 70% of victims agree to meet with the offender; of those meetings which do occur, nearly 95% result in an agreement.

In 1984-85, the Christian Church in Indiana, through the Commission on Reconciliation, provided a \$3,000.00 grant in support of this reconciling ministry.

PARTICIPANTS ON ISRAEL SEMINAR

Liz Johnson, Mary Wilhelm, Dwain & Kathy Graham, Jean McGrew, and Bobbi Lindsay are going with Dick January 28-February 6. If you are interested in information, contact Dick.

SALAD LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bring or send a salad to church this Sunday for a great salad luncheon to visit one another and with our guest speaker, Rev. Ed Allen, Jr. We need YOU and your SALAD to make it a really great time of fellowship!

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

Aid reported pouring into earthquake-tortured Mexico from all over the world. Church World Service team in Mexico to discuss with church and government officials how best U.S. churches can help. Focus on areas not so far receiving aid, on unique needs that churches can meet most effectively. Initial appeal \$500,000. Week of Compassion responding through CWS.

Ham radio network made contact with Disciples fraternal worker Linda McCrae in Mexico City. She is safe.

LIGGETT NAMED NEW ASSEMBLY MODERATOR

A seminary president, a realtor and a social worker have been elected to lead the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada for the next two years.

The Assembly, meeting August 2-7 in Des Moines, elected the Rev. Thomas J. Liggett, Indianapolis, IN, as moderator; Donna R. Albright, Seattle, Wash., first vice-moderator; & Vance M. Martin, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif., second vice-moderator.

Liggett, 66, is president of Christian Theological Seminary. As moderator, he will be the presiding officer for the assembly of the 1.1 million-member church.

A former missionary and executive of the Disciples department of Latin American and executive chairman of the then Division of World Mission, he is the first seminary president to serve in the top volunteer post since 1964.

Albright, 62, is president and co-owner of Albright Realty. A member of the Disciples' General Board, Albright will have the responsibility as first vice-moderator for program and arrangements for the 1987 General Assembly to be held in Louisville, KY.

As second vice-moderator, Martin, 42, will be responsible for chairing the business committee of the church. Also a member of the General Board, Martin is a welfare administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Service as director of black and American Indian Community Relations.

SERVING OCTOBER 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and
Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen and
Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer-SW, M. Hutchin-
son-NW, M. Novachcoff, J. Lindsay
10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, T. Creager-
NW, L. Stover-SE, C. Falbe-NE, M. Cal-
lahan, S. Callahan, M. Hamm, D. Parlette

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, D.
Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wester-
field, K. Tobias, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

ACOLYTES

Mark Zimmerman & Eric Krull
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Franklin - W. Westerfield

J. Church - B. Grimm

D. Vanderwall - J. Kelly

Jt. Weicker - D. Parlette

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M. Hamm & E. Snouffer

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4:30 P.M. Carillon Bell Choir
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
5:00 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship at
the Achduth Vesholom Congre-
gation, 5200 Old Mill Road

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:45 A.M. Rebecca Group at the church
5:00 P.M. Celebration (Children's Choir)
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 P.M. The Basics of Christian Faith

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Candace Cole (10)

Kathy Graham (10)

Mildred Hogg (10)

Robert Beachley (11)

Doris Koehlinger (11)

Gary Parkinson (11)

Terry Speicher (11)

Mamie Caldwell (11)

Anne Lee (12)

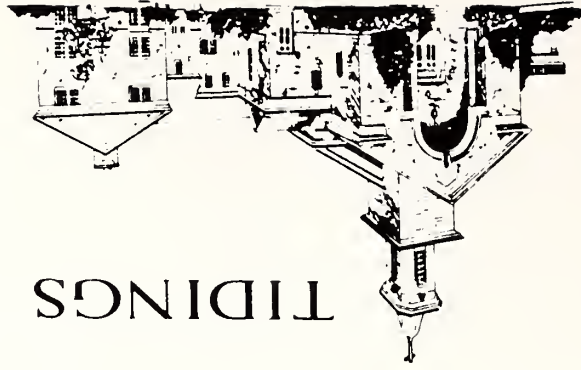
Charles Whisk (13)

Tammy Davis (13)

Jim Bramel (14)
Lorea Kuhlman (14)
Edna Vaught (15)
Charles Harshbarger (15)
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C.W.F. SERVICE PROJECT

The Christian Women's Fellowship is requesting donations of personal items for women prisoners in Indiana. A collection box will be in the south entry off of the parking lot until Tuesday, October 15.

AREA I FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:30 - 8:15 P.M.

The six churches of Area I will gather at North Christian Church for a program featuring our combined choirs and Associate Regional Minister, Church Babcock. Plan to attend!

SATURDAY SEMINAR OFFERED FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

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GRIEF GROUP TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Have you experienced a loss? Would you like to share your experience and receive support? Then come to Dick's monthly grief group Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. All are welcome. Bring a friend if you wish.

DICK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Dick's Class (soon to have a proper name) will be beginning a new course of study this Sunday. Come and join a couple dozen other folks as we seek to learn together what it means to be followers of Jesus. No one is "put on the spot" or embarrassed in Dick's class (except occasionally Dick). Everyone (including brand new folks and visitors) are welcome.

WHY I LIKE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is an instrument by which we can learn of God's teachings. I know of no better way to get the basic instructions contained in the Holy Scriptures. Sunday School attendance is an opportunity to mingle and discuss the various phases of God's teachings with a group of people who are of the same mind. One can freely express his thoughts and broaden his perspective in the interchange of ideas between fellow Christians. The camaraderie we enjoy with others in the class helps us to broaden our understanding of the Bible.

I believe it is equally important that children should be brought to Sunday School and attend regularly. It is essential that their minds be properly molded in the formative years to understand what God's promises are.

Paul Waugh

The Progressive Class

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-6-85

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Harman, 331 W. Maple Grove Avenue; Mr. & Mrs. John Wassell, 2821 N. Anthony Blvd.; Mr. & Mrs. Herman Martin, 9020 Muldoon Road; Mrs. Ray Turner, Sun City, Arizona; Mr. & Mrs. Don Ormiston, 702 Candlelite Court; Ben, Val, & Larry Taylor, 623 Worchester Dr., Lexington, KY; Mr. Terry Hopkins & Gena, 19142 St. Mary's; Mrs. Phyllis Tryon, 2957 Westbrook, #420.

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CYF

Don't forget about the Retreat! Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Friday. We'll return Sunday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. If you need more information, call the church office or Don Wiltfong.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS

The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a teachers workshop, October 15, 1985 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Workshops are available for teachers of adults, youth, and children. Register by calling the church office (744-3239).

CONGRATULATIONS

To Scott & Lisa Keebortz married last Saturday at First Christian Church.

To John & Laura Wassell married at First Christian Church last Friday.

OUR PRAYERS are with Klark Kerley and Tony York as they have both reported for duty to the USAF!

Bhopal Relief Efforts Described

BHOPAL, India (DNS) — Sewing with the Holy Cross Sisters centers opened here to train the needy women is one way that the Christian community has responded after the industrial tragedy here last winter, according to a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Division of Overseas Ministries fraternal worker.

Alice Porter, staff member of the Mid India Board of Examiners, Indore, recently wrote a report to the division describing some of the projects here designed for economic support for widows and orphans.

After the leak of Methyl Isocyanate gas from the Union Carbide factory here, many relief centers for medical aid were provided. In some areas such as Jai Prakash Nagar, a slum opposite the factory, practically every household lost one or more family members, according to Porter. The Christian community is now providing projects to look beyond the immediate needs and to the families' future survival.

Porter, who also, has worked

with the Holy Cross Sisters Charity since 1970, listed some of the projects being done by the Diocese of Bhopal, Church North India.

Holy Redeemer Church has begun aid by opening sewing centers for the needy women, mostly widows. In addition, learning how to sew and making items to sell, the women also taught elementary education skills and health education.

A nursery has been opened for the many children who were left as orphans in Prakash Nagar.

"Future planning includes also 'Mobile Dispensary Unit' which would go to hold health clinics regularly in several needy areas.

Porter wrote that as the relief efforts by the Bhopal Diocese, the Women's Fellowship Christian Service of the diocese carried out, the people that helped will know that some cares.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

There is, it is reported, a church in Toronto, Canada, with these words of scripture above the chancel: "He is risen: He is not here".

Words appropriate to a tomb, but not appropriate to a church; or for that matter, much of anywhere else! The fact that Christ conquered death means that he is there when we live fully, and he is there when we are brought near to the breaking point.

Christ is risen. He is not in the tomb, but he is here!

Don

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS

You are invited to attend a special event on Sunday, October 20 following second service from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. Service & Outreach is sponsoring "Feast or Famine" dinner. This type of dinner is a unique way to learn about and experience the problems of World Hunger. Meals common to the First World, Second World, and Third World will be served. Just as it is chance that you are born in a certain country, it will be chance which type of meal you will be served.

The dynamics of a dinner of this type are quite interesting!

Child care and snacks will be provided for children up to grade 5. Donations for the dinner will be excepted - the proceeds of which will be forwarded to Church World Service, and designated for hunger projects. If you would like to take part in this intriguing activity, sign up sheets will be available on Sunday, October 13 or call the church office.

UCC, Disciples closer to merger

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
Associated Press

Two Protestant denominations that have been courting each other for about half a century have taken vows — but not to unite.

For now, they have pledged a partnership.

The seal was put on that commitment last week in Des Moines, Iowa, by the general assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), something that had been done a month earlier by the general synod of the United Church of Christ.

With their pact final, they moved into another phase of joint work. But the separate denominational structures, and different identities on the local-church nameplates, would remain.

Their move toward unity has "not brought about the oneness to which God calls us," said the joint committee that drafted the approved action, but "we hope it will be ... a responsible next step which moves us ahead in our journey ..."

In the previous six-year effort at reaching unity, the committee ran into arguments, objections and apathy along with impatience and eagerness for unification.

The committee was jointly headed by the Rev. Avery Post, of New York, president of the 1.7-million-member United Church, and the Rev. Kenneth Teegarten, of Indianapolis, just retired as president of the 1.1 million Disciples.

The committee says it concluded, after conducting hearings and receiving other comments from members, that unity can't be put simply in terms of an organizational merger but has to move in a more dynamic understanding of the goal and steps toward it.

At the committee's recommendation, the two denominations confirmed their partnership, short of a merger.

They plan to work together on the mission of the church and on a merger, and to offer worship services with Holy Communion to members of both denominations.

SERVING OCTOBER 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York and
Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Hutch-
inson, S. Smith, M. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, B. Wilt-
fong-NW, R. Stover-SE, D. Graham-NE,
L. Lewis, M. Mullen, W. Bowen, E.
Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, H. Nordblom, E. Kreischer

ACOLYTES

Chanel Novachcoff & Amy Hayes

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hamm & E. Snouffer

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Shirley Callahan & Melanie Springer

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. John Myers
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

CCU - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Canned Meat, P-Nut
Butter, Jelly

SYMPATHY

*Our prayers are with Don Parlette
in the death of his brother in Cal-
ifornia; with Mary Sue Ludwig in the
death of her mother Elna Taylor.*

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. CYF Group
6:30 P.M. Area I Assembly at
North Christian Church
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Peg
Buskirk/Miriam Bixenman's
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 P.M. Celebration
7:00 P.M. Grief Group
7:00 P.M. Associated Churches Christian
Education Workshop

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 A.M. C.W.F. Regional Retreat
7:30 P.M. Sarah Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

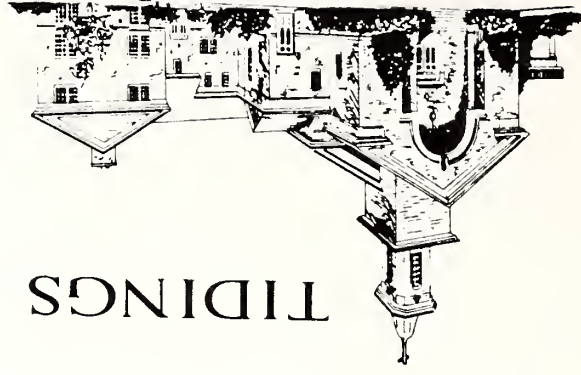
9:00 A.M. Saturday Seminar

BIRTHDAYS October 17-23

Herb Banet (17)
Lillian Breedon (17)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Fred Warner (18)
Charles Bynket (18)
Deanna Rosenberry (20)
Leatha Jones (21)
Rebecca Patton (21)
Bill Love (22)
Ted Pfenning (22)
Paula Meadows (23)
Don Pomeroy (23)

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Art & Marge Thomas transferred their membership from the Louisville, Kentucky Church of Christ Sunday. They have worshipped with us for some time and now they are officially part of our family of faith. They live at 113 E. Maple Grove Avenue, phone number is 745-1136. Welcome!

SINGLES TO TAKAOKA

If you're single, you're invited to join us for dinner October 27, Sunday, 7:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church. Please RSVP by October 20 by calling 744-3239.

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Come to learn about hunger, to help the United States develop an enlightened food policy, to fulfill Jesus' teachings! We meet for one hour, fourth Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the church.

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ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Associated Churches will host this conference at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne Street, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Those presenting will include Dr. Janice Love of the University of South Carolina, Robert Sevier of I.T.T., and Richard Doner of Tokheim. Call Dick Hamm to RSVP before October 24. Become informed on this important moral and economic issue.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, Tuesday October 22, 1985 at 7:00 P.M.

Membership Committee will meet on Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Miriam Bixenman's, 4430 Wilmette.

SYMPATHY

Mamie Caldwell died Thursday, October 10. She was 84.

Walter Bowen's brother Harvey died in an auto accident in southern Indiana. Our prayers go out to Walter.

NOTE.....

Please, please, pick up dishes that have been left in the kitchen! Thank you.

If someone asked you to describe the work of the Christian Church in Indiana, could you do it? Just how much do you know about our Region? Many of you have met Babcock and Morris Finch, Jr., two of our Associate Regional Ministers. You may know that Glendon Tudor, Mickey White, Karen and I serve on regional commissions and Kent Borgaard serves on the regional board. You probably know that each summer we send eight or nine of our children to various camps sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana.

All of those things are important, of course. But they are just a small part of the total story. I recently received a report detailing the many ministries carried out by the Christian Church in Indiana. The work of our Region includes the following items:

- 702 pastoral/resourcing visits in 1984;
- doing conflict management/counseling;
- 45 pulpit committees resources to a "call";
- 15 Listening Conferences for congregational goaling;
- 1304 campers, conferees, counselors in summer settings for Christian education, worship, and fellowship;
- 3 new congregations started since 1981, one now fully self-sufficient;
- 326 youth attending the Regional Youth Assembly;
- 186 women in CWF Regional retreat;
- 1080 women in CWF spring workshops;
- 286 in Edu-Care training of lay leaders in two events;
- 7 poverty and race projects supported by Indiana Reconciliation;
- 9 Campus ministries supported/funded by the Christian Church in Indiana

Copied from:
John Glosser,
Co-Minister of The
Central Christian Church,
Elkart, Indiana

G.I.D.H.I. BECOMES ROBIN RUN VILLAGE

With the Capital Funds Campaign successfully completed under the leadership of Dr. John Wolfersberger, the Board of Directors of Greater Indianapolis Housing became Robin Run Village in May 1985.

Robin Run Village, located in Indianapolis, will be the third Retirement Home under the sponsorship of the National Benevolent Association in Indiana, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). At the present time preliminary drawings of the seventy acres on West 62nd Street in Pike Township are being made and approval for zoning is being secured.

Robin Run will have equity garden homes, apartments and a health care unit. It will be a complete community for retirement living. It will be non-profit and non-institutional providing love and security with spiritual nurture.

Currently seventy-three persons have indicated interest by an escrow deposit of \$200.00 which will provide priority selection. This is refundable if the decision is made not to become a resident or is applicable toward the purchase of a garden home or the lease of an apartment. Other \$200.00 deposits for prospective residents are very important in enabling the project to move forward. Send checks to Robin Run Village office, c/o Dr. John Wolfersberger, 3445 West 71st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

In the immediate future a questionnaire will be sent to Disciples of retirement or soon to be retired age. Immediate response to this is needed.

Further questions can be addressed to Dr. John Wolfersberger, Project Director, or Dr. James Craddock, President of Board of Directors. (Same address).

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-13-85

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Murray, 3604 S.E. State Road, Bluffton, IN; Dwayne & Marilyn Klingshirm, 415 Kinnaird; Jessie Filer, 1944 Fox Point Trail; Lena B. Emery, South Whitley, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Kenoweo Hughes, Richmond, IN.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was talking Sunday about needing your support, prayers, and encouragement. I want you to know that I feel I do receive all of these. This is a great church, and one of the kindest I have ever known. Don and I frequently talk about this. Thank you for being the way you are!

We sure have had visitors this fall! That's great! Keep on extending those invitations! That's what it takes, along with God's blessing of our efforts.

How poignant for Mamie to die just two weeks after Bill. If ever a couple exemplified "the two shall become one", they have. Their deaths represent a great loss to our fellowship, but a great gain for them. Let us rejoice, even in the midst of our own grief.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick



SERVING OCTOBER 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and
Bill Johnson
DIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 A.M. G. Brown-SW, M. Hutchin-
son-NW, J. Hahn, J. Kelly
10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-SW, P. Tobias-
NW, K. Tobias-SE, C. Miller-NE, B.
Kerley, S. Kerley, K. Ohneck, J.
Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, J. Jones, B. Haines
ACOLYTES

Tammy Davis & Alisha Stover

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Olson - J. Young
D. Keebortz - P. Tobias
P. Mullen - T. Creager
R. Church - W. Bowen
COMMUNION PREPARATION
W. Westerfield & R. Stover

BUS DRIVER

Dave Amos

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Lori Lewis & Terri Pfenning

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Myers
10:45 A.M. Becca Olson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:
316 - Elizabeth Halbrook
ST. JOSEPH:
601 - Dave Kreischer

PAENTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter, Canned
Meat, Jelly

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:15 P.M. Feast or Famine Dinner
2:30 P.M. CYF & Chi Rho
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
7:15 P.M. Prayer Service
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
12:30 P.M. Naomi Group-Bazaar Workshop-
at Gwynth Rice's, 7002 Pre-
miere Drive
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Membership Committee meeting
at Miriam Bixenman's, 4430
Wilmette

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00 P.M. The Celebration
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 P.M. The Basics of Christian Faith

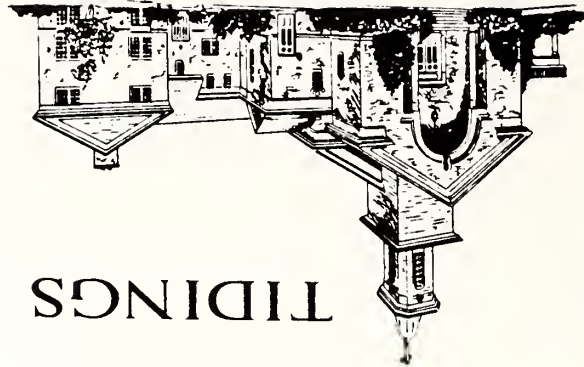
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS October 24-31

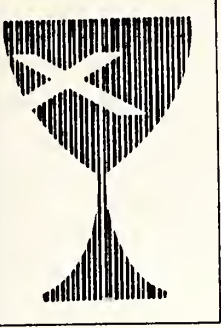
Thomas Mathias (25)
Fred Smell (26)
Carolyn Bernhard (27)
Sue Creager (28)
Deb Rinker (29)
Hazel Cleaver (30)
Jeff Grier (30)
Gus Mueller (31)
Gary Falbe (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
Jim Shirley (31)
Charles Schnobel (31)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Gene & Rhonda Lantz came by transfer Sunday. They live at 5110 Hartford Drive, 46815, phone number is 486-2217. They have two girls, April & Katie. Gene works for Channel 21 in engineering. Rhonda does child care at home.

Elizabeth "Liz" Armstrong comes by transfer from Texas. She has two children, Michael & Anna. They live at 5102 Holton Avenue, 46806, phone number is 456-1362.

Welcome to you all!

SATURDAY SEMINAR FOR PERSONAL GROWTH CHANGED

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BUS DRIVER NEEDED

We now have four drivers: Bruce Lehman, Bill DeVinney, Dave Arnos, and Dan Church. We need one more to make it a once a month duty. If you have good eyesight and general health, how about volunteering? Call Dick Hamm! We now have about a dozen regularly riding the bus!

PRAYER SERVICE TIME CHANGED!

Prayer Service will be 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. each Sunday beginning this Sunday, October 27. Come and share in this beautiful experience.

OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS AND WAYS

St. John's The Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Achduth Vesholom Temple, and First Christian Church are sharing in an ecumenical treat this year. We will meet at each of the three churches to take tour and to discuss some aspect of our common life.

On Sunday, November 10, we will gather at Achduth Vesholom at 6:00 p.m. Come and see the Temple and learn about our brothers and sisters in an informal, delightful setting!

January 12 we will meet at St. John's The Baptist, and April 13 we will meet here at First Christian.

YOU'RE INVITED TO WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH BAZAAR on Saturday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Snack bar from 10:00 - 1:30 - vegetable beef soup or chili, coffee & cider. Dinner - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Beef & noodles or ham loaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, delicious salad bar, rolls, homemade pie, coffee or milk, Tickets \$3.50 for adults -- \$1.75 under 12.

BAZAAR - Beautiful Christmas items & candy, carmel corn shops, homemade noodles, baked goods, afghans, & quilts.

IS THE TRIP TO ISRAEL STILL ON?

Yes! Many thousands of pilgrims arrive in Jerusalem each day without incident! If it were dangerous, I wouldn't be going! There are seven of us going, January 28 to February 6. A couple are going on to Egypt and a couple others perhaps to Rome! Interested? Its \$1,058.00 for eight days in Israel (includes travel, meals, lodging). That is about as good a price as you could hope to find. Call Dick Hamm if you are interested, today!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BAZAAR

As certainly everyone must know by now First Christian Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, is just around the corner.

Your chairpersons wish to leave you with a few quick reminders and some instructions for last minute details.

The following booths have received a final go for lift off. Bake goods-Linda Stover Kitchen Booth-Mindy Hamm, Fall Booth-Laura York, Christmas Booth-Sherry Lytle, Plant Booth-Virginia Brown, Children & Infant's Booth-Peg Buskirk, Grandma's Closet-Edna Nordblom, and the Luncheon-Kris Ohneck. Some of these chairpersons are still in need of helpers, so if they call you please say yes if at all possible.

We are asking that you make a special effort to finish projects, or to make some small ones, to check your attics for those older items for Edna, and also to plan what you would like to bake for the Bake Goods Booth. You know we have the best cooks in town at F.C.C. so this should be an outstanding booth. Bake goods may be delivered to the church on Friday the 8th, or by 9:30 on Saturday morning.

The committee will be working on categorizing crafts, pricing, etc. throughout the week of the third. Craft items may be brought to the church any time that week and left on the stage for safe keeping. We ask that if at all possible, you put asking price on the items you bring. We don't want to cause hard feelings over pricing errors. Also, if you want any of your items that don't happen to sell would you so mark them. We are planning to display any leftovers for reduced sale on Sunday morning November 10. Anything still remaining will be used for distribution by the CWF at Christmas time.

Our luncheon is going to be primarily a soup and salad bar with hot dogs for the little ones. Advance tickets will be on sale after the worship hours on Sunday, November 3. If you don't happen to be a "bizarre" person, here is a great way to come any way and enjoy good food and fellowship and to support the CWF outreach efforts.

We wish to thank all of you who have participated in any way in making this Bazaar the success we know it will be.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship will meet at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday to go trick or treating for U.N.I.C.E.F. and a brief Halloween party.

COMING EVENT: All ladies mark your calendar and plan to attend a Merri-mac Party at 10:00 November 16. Lots of great Christmas gift ideas for all ages! Proceeds earned will benefit our church nursery.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 2nd graders who have completed the Introduction to Worship class: Christina Bennett, Megan Callahan, Julie Fanger, Becky Ruth Krull, and Carla Marc. They received New Testaments during the second worship service last Sunday. Welcome to our worshipping church family!

SINCERE THANKS

I surely want to thank all those who helped make the CWF Retreat a real success on October 16: those who helped prepare the meal, those who served as special hostesses, the men who did the clean up (Vince Wells, Rolland Ripple, Mark Snyder, Marvin Crouse, and Mark Finkhousen), as well as all of our 31 women who attended. You were all wonderful.

Peggy Buskirk

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10:13-85

Mr. Jerry Mitchell, 807 San Juan; Ron Doclair, Louisiana.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Isn't it great when we see the church grow?! This is, indeed, unfolding as a great year for First Christian!

Several commented, sort of, on my brief prayer for world series tickets in worship Sunday. I did that in Kansas City in 1980 and ended up going to two series games..... and who am I to put limits on God's answers to prayers?! I just hope the Royals are still in it when you read this!

Sunday is Music Sunday. It'll be a great, inspiring service. Come and bring friends, or enemies.....whoever you can!

My Sunday School is exploring prayer, so if you are without a class and interested in prayer, come join us in the parlor, 9:30 a.m.!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY is November 1, at Trinity English Lutheran, 405 W. Wayne. Luncheon is at noon; cost is \$4.00 by paid registration (check to Church Women United, send to:

Mrs. Mabel Moss

1110 Three Rivers, North

Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Deadline for reservations, Friday, October 25. Program at 1:00 p.m. on the theme, "Harvest of Blessing," with Karen Smith, on staff of the Indiana Council of Churches in behalf of the Farm Workers (migrants) in Indiana.

CYF & CHI RHO

Meet Sunday at 2:30 p.m. This Sunday we will have our pig-figures taken.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

I have been told that when Abraham Lincoln was a young man he was a somewhat wild, foul mouthed braggart. It was his early years of law practice which smoothed him out. With experience he grew into the truly shrewd, wise leader he was.

We trade our youth, with its energy and its potentials and its freedoms, for experience and maybe some wisdom. "If I only knew then what I know now," we sigh in response to the lives of people half our age (whatever age that is). But the fact is you know it now. That is sufficient.

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INDIANA CHRISTIAN September/October 1985

CWF Outreach Giving Claims in August

Figures just released by the church Finance Council indicate that giving to Basic Mission Finance by Indiana C.W.F.s was up at the end of August over the same period one year ago-but just barely! The report from C.F.C. shows that C.W.F. giving to Basic Mission Finance is up by .39% over where it was in August, 1984.

Beginning in 1986, C.W.F. groups will be challenged with a new call to responsible stewardship by

"Going Forth With Vision". "Going Forth With Vision" is a response by the I.C.W.F. Cabinet to a challenge from the church for women to raise their level of giving by 1990. In Indiana, the challenge to C.W.F.s will be presented as part of the regional program, "Christ's Compelling Call."

Information about how C.W.F. can respond to "Christ's Compelling Call" by "Going Forth With Vision" has been sent to local C.W.F. presidents. Further information will be presented as regional stewardship teams visit local congregations (including C.W.F. leadership) beginning in

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Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Wayne Johnson and
Chip Olson

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10:45 A.M. C. Falbe-SW, M. Callahan-NW, S. Callahan-SE, D. Parlette-NE,
L. Stover, M. Crouse, R. Krull, M. Hamm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. West-
terfield, K. Taylor, K. Tobias

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Mabel Watson & Grace Truby
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Dan Church

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
Becky Stucky & Sue Kerley

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8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. Laura York

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

316 - Mrs. Elizabeth Halbrook

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter, Canned
Meat, Jelly

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. CYF & Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship to
go trick or treating for
U.N.I.C.E.F.

6:00 P.M. Prayer Service

7:00 P.M. F.C.C. Singles to Takaoka

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 P.M. Celebration

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 P.M. The Basics of Christian
Faith

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

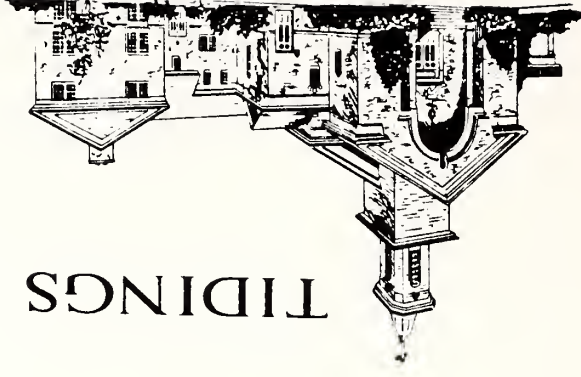
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Lutheran Church, 405
W. Wayne Street

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 1-6

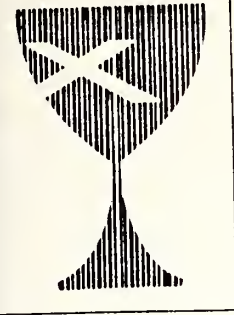
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Joe Wiley (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
Judy Church (2)
Audrey Cortwell (2)
Jack Brickley (3)
Donna Chapin (3)
Ron Feaser (3)
Bruce Finkhousen (4)
Ruth Stone (4)
Michele Stam (5)
John Phillips (5)
Martha Christy (5)
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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

Volume XLII October 30, 1985 No. 35

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Christian Literature Week is coming November 3 through the 10th. We will have a good selection of books on prayer, personal growth, faith, and the Christian Life. There will be some children's books, and a new novel, Priscilla and Aquila, by Lois Henderson. Some would make excellent gifts, others would be good resources for your own library. The display is located in Fellowship Hall. Plan a few minutes to browse this Sunday.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Youth Fellowship collected \$87.68 for U.N.I.C.E.F. on Sunday.

There will be no meeting on November 3.

On November 10 we will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the church for walking, jogging or running, and either constructing a Sukka booth or some other Thanksgiving activity.

COMING EVENT

Ready to start your Christmas shopping (or are you almost done)? Here is a great idea for you!

All ladies are invited to a Merri-mac party, Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. This company offers a wide selection of children's toys and reasonably priced gifts for all ages. Catalogues will be available in the Fellowship Hall Sunday. This party is being sponsored by the Christian Education Committee to earn money to purchase badly needed toys for our nursery rooms.

Please mark this date, November 16, on your calendar. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and do your Christmas shopping in the comfort of your own church!

SCOTT'S GROCERY BENEFIT FOR FOOD BANK!

2% of the receipts at all Scott's Food Stores on Wednesday, November 6 will go to the Associated Churches' Food Banks. In addition, barrels for donated can goods will be present in the store.

Help the Food Banks by shopping Scott's on November 6! Help make the Holidays happier for hungry folks in Fort Wayne!

SATURDAY SEMINAR FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

This Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call Dick to RSVP (744-3239). Understand yourself and others better. Learn to understand stress, guilt, and fears.

OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS AND WAYS

St. John's the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Achduth Vesholom Temple, and First Christian Church are sharing in an ecumenical treat this year. We will meet at each of the three churches to take tour and to discuss some aspect of our common life.

On Sunday, November 10, we will gather at Achduth Vesholom at 6:00 p.m. Come and see the Temple and learn about our brothers and sisters in an informal, delightful setting!

January 12 we will meet at St. John's The Baptist, and April 13 we will meet here at First Christian.

PRAYER SERVICE TIME CHANGE! 6:15 - 7:00 p.m., Sundays!

Highlights Of The

1985 Outdoor

Ministry Program

"Called-to-Be," "Church," "Faithful," "Servants," "Peacemakers," and "Proclaimers" was the theme of the curriculum for the 1200 persons who participated in the Region's 1985 camping program. Though the attendance is slightly below last year's number of campers, the quality of the program was not affected. "Me in Relationship to My Church" is the third topic in the four-year cycle of study material selected by the Program Committee of the Commission on Campus.

This committee, who has done a superb job in the writing of the curriculum for the past two years, has begun already to focus on the 1986 topic, "Me in Relationship to My World." Special gratitude and words of appreciation and encouragement are expressed continually for Jayna Powell, chairperson of the Program Committee; Carolyn Casey Reed, chairperson of the Commission; Bill Edwards; Sam Davenport; LaTaunya Bynum; Dixie Miller; and Gregg Rothrock.

The success of the summer camping program is attributed to leaders, both lay and clergy, who enjoy this ministry and believe that the camping program is instrumental in manifesting God's reconciling activity in the world as revealed through Jesus Christ.

Some of the persons who fall into that category and deserve the support and gratitude of the region served as directors. They are: Greg and Sharon Alexander, Charles Babcock (one of the associate regional ministers), Bruce Barkhauer, Jim Barton, Floyd Bridges, Julie Crowden, Sam Davenport, Bill Edwards, Cathy Gray, Clint Ibele, Gene Lantz, Charles Lewis, Tom McGilliard, Jim and Dixie Miller, Janet Moore, Barbara Nelson, Becki Nunnally, Jim Payton, Rick and Jayna Powell, Randy Rossman, Gregg Rothrock, Bill Sanders, Shan Sheridan.

Questions Deserve Answers

1. We keep reading that the food isn't getting to the hungry people in Ethiopia, that sacks of grain are just sitting on the docks. Is this true?

Grain has piled up on the docks. There aren't enough trucks to transport it. Nevertheless, food is getting through to the people. Two medical persons returned from a three month tour in Ethiopia with a Church World Service (CWS) report that there has been no interruption of regular food delivery at Geweha Camp where the CWS medical personnel are working.

2. Live Aid got a lot of money for relief in Africa. Are the churches keying into this effort in any way?

The churches started working on the global food disaster, and specifically the crisis in Africa two full years before the rock stars got interested, and will undoubtedly continue long after the rock stars' interest has moved on to something else.

The churches have not been related to Live Aid in any way.

3. Conditions in Africa are so awful. Is the Week of Compassion making any difference?

The family who found shelter in one of the tents you sent thinks so.

The children huddled together for warmth under one of your blankets thinks so.

The mother whose child was given oral rehydration by one of the nurses your offering supports thinks so. Now her child is able to handle regular food.

The driver of one of your trucks thinks so as he watches the hungry people gather around when he brings in a load of food.

The farmer thinks so as he plants the seed you sent.

CYF - CHI RHO NEWS!

Pig-ture this! We are getting ready for our really pig contest! Next week we'll be making our display. Don't let a few of us hog the fun, come and help out!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to members of the Chancel Choir for singing both services for last Sunday's Hymn Festival! And special "thanks yous" go to Lenelle Ross for the beautiful, unaccompanied Bach and to Jerry Zimmerman for his very effective free hymn accompaniments and interludes. It was a memorable Sunday, not only because of the gifts of these special people, but because of the singing of the congregation. Wonderful!

Helen Donnell

BUS DRIVER NEEDED!

We now have four drivers: Bruce Lehman, Bill DeVinney, Dave Arnos, and Dan Church. We need one more to make it a once a month duty. If you have good eyesight and general health, how about volunteering? Call Dick Hamm! We now have about a dozen regularly riding the bus!

SYMPATHY & PRAYER

Pat Mullen's mother died in Alma, Nebraska last week.

Bob & Loretta Orr's parents were in a serious auto accident last week. They are progressing.

Laura York will have surgery this Tuesday at Lutheran.

Mindy Hamm's mother had surgery and is doing well.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Because I have a leadership role in worship, it is often difficult for me to worship myself. But Sunday was really an exception. The music spoke to me loud and clear, and Helen's Communion meditation bit me right between the eyeballs! Sunday was an excellent example of real music ministry. I am most grateful for Helen, Jerry, and for our excellent, dedicated choir!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. I don't want to make St. Louis fans feel badly, so I won't mention the Series.

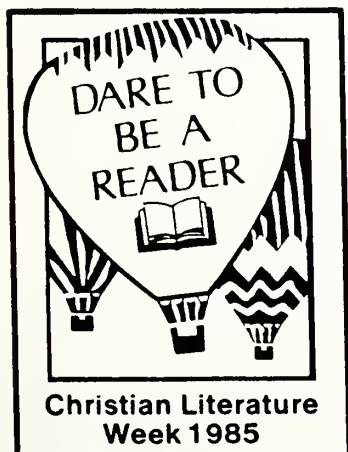
AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Daryl Evans, who plays for the Detroit Tigers, once claimed that his playing improved after he had sighted a UFO. Sounds like a story for the Inquirer, doesn't it? But this is what he said: "It helped my career because it gave me something to think about besides myself".

Sometimes it takes a jolt to get us to even look up beyond our own situations. We can get wrapped up in the office politics, or the family frustrations, any of the day to day misadventures and subadventures of life.

But I hope we don't need to see a UFO to look beyond ourselves. Even a simple prayer can raise our sights from "Is this ever going to work out", to "Thy will be done". Who needs UFO's?

San



Christian Literature Week, November 3-9, focuses on the need to read for new understandings about living as part of a family, of the church and of the world. Reading takes daring in this day of multi-sensory pursuits.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-27-85

Cheryl & Steve Evans, 1801 Fox Point Trail, Apt. 6;
Gwen Gutwein, 818 Rockhill; Mrs. Carolyn Stevens,
1541 Mirran Lake Drive, Naperville, ILL.

SERVING NOVEMBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Liz Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hahn-SW, D. Harter-
NW, S. Smith, M. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. S. Englehart-SW, E.
Conrad-NW, B. Wiltfong-SE, R.
Stover-NE, L. Stover, L. Lewis,
M. Mullen, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, B. Haines, C. Schnobel
ACOLYTES

Dennis Hendrickson & David Hamm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Ludwig - M. Crouse
L. York - K. Ohneck
W. Johnson - E. Klepfer
L. Johnson - M. Novachcoff

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K. Tobias & Kerley's

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Sherry Lytle & Sam Hayes

BUS DRIVER

Dave Arnos

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Wes & Mimi Westerfield

COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER

Herb Banet & George Davis

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Terri Pfenning

10:45 A.M. Pat Mullen

No one was in the hospital at the
time of printing the Tidings.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Canned Meat, Powdered Milk, P-

Next Bulletin Fall

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 A.M. Saturday Seminar
1:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
6:00 P.M. Harmony Class Party at
Dick & Diane Mory's,
320 W. Concord Lane

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. CYF & Chi Rho
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

5:00 P.M. Celebration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 P.M. The Basics of Christian Faith
7:15 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

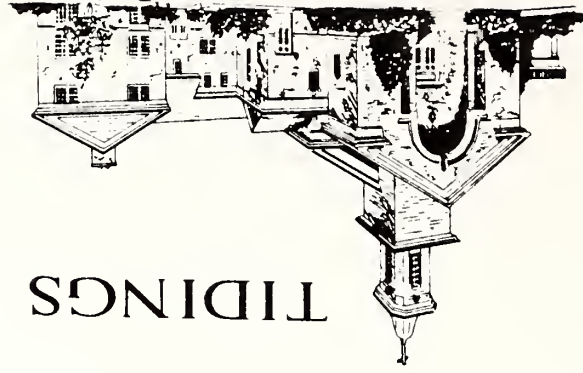
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred
Tharp's (to be at Eileen
Klepfer's house, 6921 Blue
Mist Road)
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS November 7-13

Ruby Boxell (7)
James Evans (7)
Cindy Moriarty (7)
Pam Bickel (8)
Ingrid Mosier (8)
Garnet Ford (8)
Emma Schell (9)
Marilyn McDougal (11)
Diane Miller (11)
Beth Schilling (11)
Jeannie Pratt (12)
Linda Breedon (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)

Linda Eich (13)
Leon Johns (13)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Max & Debbie Knudson transferred their membership from North Oak Christian in Kansas City, Missouri this Sunday. Max and Debbie live at 2115 Versailles Village Place, phone number is 483-5299. They have a baby boy, Craig. Max works in management at the north Furrow store. Welcome to you all!

IN GATHERING OF FOOD

Annually during November, our Outreach Committee asks our people to make a special offering of food for the Food Bank here at First Christian. Each of the three remaining Sundays this month we are asked to bring non-perishable foods and, at the time of the offering at each of the worship services, to place our gifts on the Chancel. On November 24, these food offerings will be placed in our Food Bank for distribution to those in need who come to us for help.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 24, immediately following the second worship service, we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls will be provided by the church and the Membership Committee. Cost for this portion of the meal is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 10 and under, but no family is to pay more than \$5.00. The balance of the meal will be a planned potluck, with dishes brought in according to the first letter of your last name. Watch the next two week's Tidings for information on what you are to bring. We do need reservations, in order to insure plenty of turkey for all, so please sign up at either worship service the next two Sundays or call the church office or Miriam Bixenman, membership chairwoman (745-3365) by November 18.

COMING EVENT

Ready to start your Christmas shopping (or are you almost done)? Here is a great idea for you!

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REMINDER - The Church Bazaar will be this Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

OUR NEIGHBORS VIEWS AND WAYS TIME CHANGE

St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Achduth Vesholom Temple, and First Christian are sharing in an ecumenical treat this year. We will meet at each of the three churches to take a tour and to discuss some aspect of our common life.

On Sunday, November 10, we will gather at the Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road, to discuss rites of initiation in our various traditions (circumcision, baptism, confirmation). Come at 7:30 p.m. (not 6:00 p.m. as previously announced) and see the Temple and learn about our brothers and sisters in an informal, delightful setting.

January 12 we will meet at St. John's, and April 13 at First Christian. All welcome!

SYMPATHY

We were saddened at the rather sudden death of Erma Shankland. Services were in Kendallville.

Lois Coleman, who had been living in England, died last week. Services will be late this week.

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Laura York has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Ralph Reynolds is recovering from surgery at St. Joseph Hospital.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 11-3-85

Ellis Johnson, 237 N.E. Drive; Patrick Hickey, 4708 S. Calhoun Street; Gregory Lewis, 2756 E. Paulding, #8; Lana Fanger, 340 S. Cornell; Marjorie Cox, Syracuse, Indiana.

PRIVATE - FOR CHANCEL CHOIR ONLY

I have a direct line to St. Peter. (Both of us are rough-hewn!). In my conversation with him today, he said you were "bloody terrific". Just thought you'd like to know.

Helen

Project for needy is short of funds

By FRANK GRAY
Staff Writer

Project 25, a 3-year-old program to help the needy find housing or pay overdue utility bills, is falling short of cash.

The project, in which church members are asked to give the quarters in their pockets about once a month, has seen donations fall 50 percent since last year, according to Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

To revitalize the project, Associated Churches has called on congregations to take up a special offering Nov. 10.

"It's amazing just what loose change raised — \$430,000 in the last 3½ years," said Melvin R. Phillips, executive minister of Associated Churches.

In the past few months, however, contributions have waned, Phillips said. "I don't know why income is down," he said. Perhaps because unemployment is down, people feel the need is not as great now, he said.

The improvements in the economy, though, have left some people

completely untouched, said Don Sjolund, interim executive director of Lutheran Social Services, which gets 40 percent of the money raised by Project 25.

"The appearance is that the economy is better, but the upswing in the economy isn't getting to the people we are dealing with," he said.

At Lutheran Services, the number of people needing help is increasing, while the amount of money available to help is decreasing, Sjolund said.

The pinch is just as tight at Catholic Social Services, which also gets 40 percent of the Project 25 funds. (The other 20 percent goes to Matthew 25, a health-care clinic.)

"We're finding out monthly demands are overwhelming our income," said Bill Warriner, environmental counseling supervisor.

So far this year, Catholic Social Services has received \$35,300 from Project 25. A total of \$24,645.87 went to help 161 households cover rent, and \$10,654.13 went to help 127 households pay utility bills.

Because He gave,
we share



DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

Alexander Campbell put it bluntly: "A Christian community without missions and missionaries would be a gross deviation from the order, the economy and the government of the universe." The Division of Overseas Ministries helps us share with Christian communities throughout the world.

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Since Dick is preaching a series of sermons on prayer I thought I would put in a couple of cents of my own. Prayer is, I believe, a key issue!

Based on a religion poll his organization took in 1981, George Gallup, Jr., drew these conclusions: "Most Americans pray, but in an unstructured and superficial manner-Prayers are usually prayers of petition rather than prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, or seeking forgiveness. God for some is viewed as a 'divine Santa Claus'. Furthermore, a decline in the frequency of prayer is noted".

Our need is to develop depth and breadth in our prayer life, to pray more than just "emergency messages". Discipline is the operative word here. A regular time and place, and maybe even some nuts-and-bolts technique is helpful and amazingly effective - as effective as it is difficult.

Wrestle with your prayer life. It is worth the struggle!

Don

CYF - WE'RE GETTING "PIGGISH"

Now that we have shown ourselves to be hams when it comes to having our pictures taken, this week we are going to go hog wild with our contest! We will also be celebrating November birthdays! It will be sow much fun!

"LET'S GO FISHIN'"

A workshop for members of the Christian Church will be held Saturday, November 16, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at North Christian, Fort Wayne. The workshop will address such issues as: How to listen so people will talk, how to talk so people will listen, how to invite people to church, how to share your faith without being offensive.

For more information, or to register call the church office (744-3239).

Disciples Support
87 Projects
Through WCC

In 1985, Disciples supported, through Week of Compassion, 87 projects including refugee ministries, support for educational committees, programs emphasizing human rights and self-help development, and aid for churches seeking to survive and serve under duress.

These projects were initiated and declared high priority by the churches in their regions. Funding for these projects is sought from churches all over the world, and is coordinated through the World Council of Churches.

Examples of Projects Supported

Refugee ministries: In Botswana about 450 refugees from South Africa are assisted every year with counseling, education, and employment assistance for those who are permanently resettled. Loans were made for a poultry project, a brick-making project and a general store.

Ecumenical support: CIMADE began in France during World War II in an effort to assist refugees from Nazism. It continues today to meet the needs of refugees and is also involved in self-help development projects in the Third World. Disciples have supported CIMADE for many years both financially and with personnel from time to time.

Human rights and self-help development: Rebuilding settlements in Peru that were heavily damaged as result of torrential rain and flooding. Helping victims of political repression and violence in Argentina, looking after families of those missing or dead or detained for political reasons, assistance to the detainees themselves and those released from prison. Health education and nutrition work as well as provision of safe drinking water in India.



FAMINE THAT
NEVER HAPPENED

In a part of Senegal in west Africa, a region called Keur Momar Sarr, the marginal poor contend not only with hostile weather but with economic policies that perpetuate their poverty.

As the desert moved southward, Church World Service (CWS) worked with the people to locate fresh water, set aside land for reforestation and cultivated family-sized plots. With millet and sorghum distributed as food-for-work, CWS encouraged people to build the roads they needed, to tend the trees, and create inexpensive pumps with valves made from used inner tube or discarded shoe leather. Appropriate technology played a significant part in helping the people maintain their pride and self-confidence.

Passion helped to prevent famine in Keur Momar Sarr by supporting the CWS program in Africa. More details of this success story will be told in some of the resources provided for the annual offering through Week of Compassion.

SERVING NOVEMBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, G. Brown-NW, J. Kelly, J. Young
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Kerley-NW, K. Ohneck-SE, J. Ohneck-NE, K. Tobias, P. Tobias, E. Klepfer, C. Miller

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. Lehman
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, H. Nordblom, J. Jones

ACOLYTES

Scott Creager & Dennis Hendrickson
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K. Tobias & Kerley's
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Melanie Springer & Shirley Callahan

BUS DRIVER

Bruce Lehman
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Mike Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

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PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

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4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
7:30 P.M. Achduth Vesholom Ecumenical, 5200 Old Mill Road

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild at Atz's on Tillman Road with a meeting at the church in the church parlor afterwards
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:45 A.M. Rebecca Group at the church
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at the church
5:00 P.M. Celebration
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

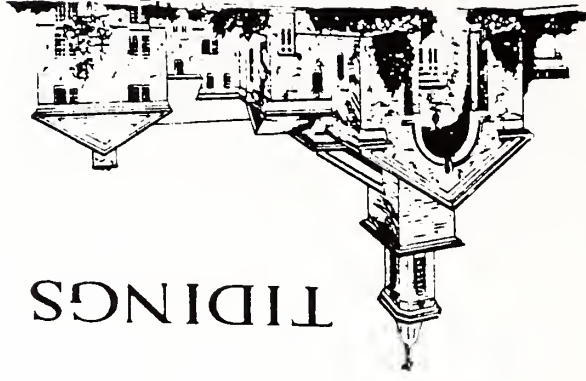
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS November 14-20

Jewell Bythet (14)
Jim Hudlow (14)
Melissa Orr (14)
Ethel Allen (16)
Tom Meadows (16)
Bernie Norman (16)
Robert Corkwell (18)
Deb Miller (18)
Muriel Crouse (19)

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Remember to make your reservations for the annual All Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24 by November 20. You may sign up at church this Sunday. We will have all the turkey you can eat, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, and dressing prepared by the membership committee. Donation is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 10 and under with no family to pay over \$5.00, no matter how many children. Balance of the meal will be a planned potluck. If your last name begins with A-F, bring pumpkin or mince pie (2 pies, please), if your last name begins with G-L, bring candied sweet potatoes, if your name begins with M-R, bring a vegetable, or if your name begins with S-Z, bring a salad (preferably cranberry or other fruit salad). The meal will be served immediately after second service. This dinner is always a high light of the year, so don't miss the Fellowship with your church family. New members this year will be introduced. Reservations are not required, but are truly needed in order to guarantee plenty of turkey.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 24

OPPORTUNITY, LIMITED

Between my wife and me we have enjoyed more than 150 years (a century and a half) of good living on Planet Earth. During this time we have witnessed the beginning of a few radio signals through the air to the sending of human cargo to the moon and returning safely. Other comparable miracles of science in our lifetime have occurred, so that we now live in a completely different world of wonders that amaze even those who invented or discovered them.

At this late time in our life cycle, we pause to ask ourselves "Are we paying enough to compensate for these miraculous years, living as we have in good health and the joy of the Great Society as President Johnson so appropriately called it? We can look back through the history of mankind and not realize that someone (certainly not me alone) had to pay for these 150 years of good living in an unprecedented freedom and luxury heretofore unknown.

We also ask, "do we have enough remaining time, or enough gratitude in our hearts or enough courage of discipline or self denial to face up to this untold debt.

No, not one of our benefactors has sent a statement of charges, or even added up our staggering liabilities for these priceless gifts.

Facing facts openly and honestly, we can only look upon our stewardship as an opportunity to partially settle the debt while there is still time to do so.

Our conscience says "prayers and thank you's are not enough".

Vee & Don Parlette

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THIS WEEK: Rock music is part of life for most teenagers. Is it as harmful to us as some unities claim? What attitudes should a Christian take toward Rock music? Think of these things and bring your thoughts to CYF Sunday!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for all the visits, cards, and prayers. Your love and concern have helped me so much. I thank God for bringing me into such a loving church family.

Yours in Christ,
Laura York

Wasn't the Bazaar a wonderful thing? We all had such a good time and such fine fellowship, and didn't everything look beautiful? I want to give a special vote of thanks to the three chairwomen: Pat Mullen, Debbie Miller, and Kris Ohneck. They surely worked hard and did a great job. Thank you, too, to all who chaired any of the tables, to all who contributed items, and to all who came to buy. It took everyone to make the big success we experienced.

Peggy Buskirk
CWF President

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-10-85

Alton & Helen Bouse, Rt. 1, Box 4, Claypool, IN; Earl Pusey, 222 Floral Avenue Portland, IN; Louise Marshall, 310 East Elder, Portland, IN.

"LET'S GO FISHIN"

A workshop for members of the Christian Church will be held Saturday, November 16, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at North Christian, Fort Wayne. The workshop will address such issues as: How to listen so people will talk, how to talk so people will listen, how to invite people to church, how to share your faith without being offensive.

For more information, or to register call the church office (744-3239).

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Will meet this Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the church to exercise and start building Sukko Booth!

MERRI-MAC PARTY

Ready to start your Christmas shopping (or are you almost done)? Here is a great idea for you!

ALL LADIES are invited to a Merri-mac party Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. This company offers a wide selection of children's toys and reasonably priced gifts for all ages. This party is being sponsored by the Christian Education Committee to earn money to purchase badly needed toys for our nursery rooms.

Please mark this date, November 16, on your calendar. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and do your Christmas shopping in the comfort of your own church!

SINGLES' PIZZA & TRIVIA

All singles are invited to join together for pizza and Trivial Pursuit at Ken Taylor's house on Sunday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. Call Dick Hamm to RSVP at 744-3239. All singles are welcome!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

I really enjoyed (and benefited) from doing my two sermons on prayer. This Sunday, my class, in the parlor (9:30 a.m.) will be doing a prayer exercise which you are welcome to join us for. I will also be offering this exercise at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, before the regular prayer service at 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. If you're really interested in learning to pray more effectively, this is a great opportunity for you.

I'm just so pleased with the way this year is unfolding: new members, well done programs, excellent atmosphere! It's all terrific!

We've been working hard preparing the audio-visual presentations for Stewardship Sunday November 24. I think you're going to love it.

We had about 30 members attend the ecumenical program at the Temple Sunday night. It was enjoyed by all.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

In Dick's Sunday School class Sunday, we explored this passage from Mark 12:30: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength". Quoting the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6:4,5) Jesus identifies this as the most important duty of one who is faithful to God. The passage basically identified the common elements of personality to say, in effect, "love God with every nook and cranny of your being"!

We are tempted to say, "love God with all our mind!" I'm sorry, I'm no intellectual genius! Nor am I a saint that my soul can stretch to its limits! And my heart, well I can feel warm about God, but being turned on to God all the time would be exhausting!

This is misreading this passage. God is asking us for our strength - not hercule's. He is asking us to love him with our mind - not the mind of Einstein. We do not all have the largeness of soul of a Mother Teresa - but we do have our soul.

The challenge of this passage is to stretch our being to its full potential for the love of God. The reassurance of this passage is that God asks for our love. That is something no saint, weightlifter, or genius can do: Give our particular dedication and love to God.

Don

DON'T MENTION AGE

This fellowship, which is open to everyone, will be going to the Historical Museum Tuesday, November 19. We'll meet at the church at noon, go to lunch together, and then see the museum. All welcome.

GRIEF GROUP, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

This group is open to anyone who is seeking to cope with any kind of loss.

IN GATHERING OF FOOD

Annually during November, our Outreach Committee asks our people to make a special offering of food for the Food Bank here at First Christian. Each of the two remaining Sundays this month we are asked to bring non-perishable foods and, at the time of the offering at each of the worship services, to place our gifts on the Chancel. On November 24, these food offerings will be placed in our Food Bank for distribution to those in need who come to us for help.

SERVING NOVEMBER 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bud Ludwig and
Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Chip Olson and
Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, E. Snouffer-NW, M. Novachcoff, J. Lindsay
10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-SW, M. Callahan-NW, D. Parlette-SE, M. Hamme, C. Falbe, E. Klepfer, M. Crouse, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, J. Myers
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, E. Kreischer, K. Taylor
ACOLYTES

Denay Ohneck & Marsha Busse

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Johnson - S. Smith
- E. Conrad

S. Hayes - M. Mullen

J. Church - V. Brown

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Lori Lewis & Terri Pfennig

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mary Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. Nancy Smith

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

743 - Mrs. Fern Kenline

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00 A.M. Merri-mac Party

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:30 P.M. CYF & Chi Rho
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Junior Youth Fellowship
6:16 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:00 NOON D.M.A. out to lunch and tour
the Historical Museum

5:00 P.M. Celebration

7:00 P.M. Grief Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. Sarah Group at the church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS November 21-27

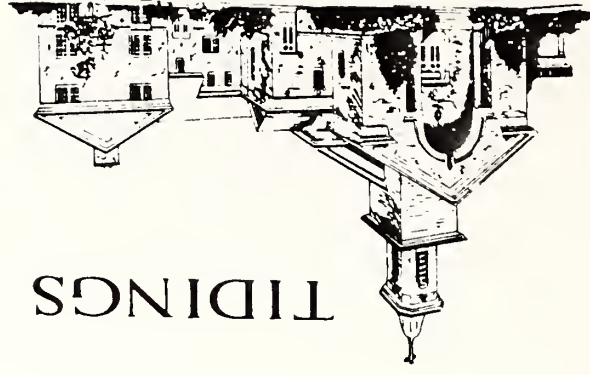
Leland Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Roger Parkerson (22)
Margaret Leversee (22)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Troy Harter (24)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Charles Green (25)
Joann Ott (25)
Elva Stephens (25)
Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)
Frederick Sheets (26)
Jerry Ferguson (27)

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-Nut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat,
Powdered Milk

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
SPECIAL AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION-8:15 & 10:45
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR 1986 PLEDGE
and, if you can remain,
THANKSGIVING DINNER
HANGING OF THE GREENS!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Greg Showalter, 6510 Covington Rd., Apt. 324E, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, phone number is 432-3187. Greg transfers from Eric, PA United Methodist Church. Welcome Greg!

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Don't forget the All Church CWF Dinner this Sunday after 2nd service. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls and beverage will be ready here at the church. Bring covered dishes according to the following schedule: if your last name begins with A-F, bring pumpkin or mince pie (2 pies, please); G-L, bring candied sweet potatoes; M-R, bring a vegetable; and S-Z, bring a salad (preferably cranberry or other fruit salad. Donation will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 10 and under, with no family to pay more than \$5.00. New members since January 1 will be introduced. Don't miss the fun and fellowship!

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"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

This year the Hanging of the Greens will be done in a little different style. On November 24 our church will be decorated for the Christmas Season immediately following the congregational dinner. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a good dinner and fellowship with our church family. Sunday School classes should decorate their own classrooms.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Tuesday, November 26 - 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, November 26 - 7:00 p.m. (Membership Committee will not be meeting!

SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place is a devotional booklet that offers daily guidance and inspiration. Copies are available for \$.60 (three month's worth!) at the church. Get your copy this week.

THANK YOU'S

We are so grateful for all the acts of kindness and sympathy shown to our family at the time of mother's sudden death. We felt that you were truly a part of our family.

Mike & Pat Mullen

Thank you very much for the kindness you've shown our family in the days following our mother's death. We appreciate the good food delivered to us and the love and support from all of you who meant so much to Mom.

Family of Lois Coleman



THANKSGIVING
OFFERING
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Our Thanksgiving offering is a way for us to share in "Thanks Together." Our giving is an expression of thanks which stretches to touch many lives by helping to financially support the vital ministries of our church.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Junior Youth Fellowship Meeting this Sunday, November 24. We are asking for you to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner instead!

FORT WAYNE STROKE CLUB

This is a group for anyone who has had a stroke, or is family or friend of a stroke victim. It meets the first and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at Edsall House Apts. Call Dick or Lucille Hess, 484-4430, for more information.

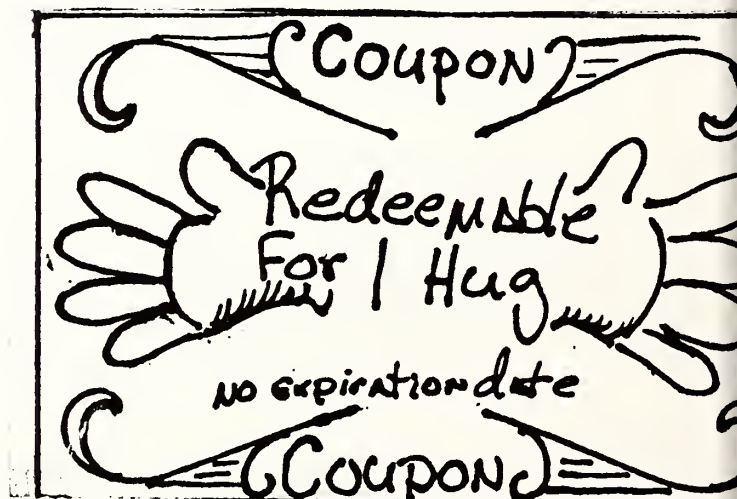
INDIANA LEGISLATIVE FORUM DECEMBER 7-SATURDAY

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THANKS VOLUNTEERS

The old saying "GOOD HELP IS HARD TO FIND" does not hold true at "FIRST". Thanks to Grace Truby, Mabel Watson, Paul Yentes, & Connie Wells for your help in assembling and preparing for mailing the booklet, "VISION FOR 1986". You were a pleasure to work with. Thanks again.

Bette Haines



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm looking forward to Sunday! The audio-visual is excellent, I think, and I'm eager for everyone to see it. It's a big day in the life of the church.

This is National American Education Week. We can be proud of our Fort Wayne Schools and of the many active and retired teachers and administrators in our congregation. I've always felt a deep kinship with educators. It is a most important vocation which our society needs to lift up and strongly support. Why not express your personal appreciation to a teacher or administrator this week!?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

"IT'S A TASTING PARTY"

LADIES....AND....GENTLEMEN

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AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

We all hear of great acts of evil and injustice, or acts of kindness and goodness which take place on a grand scale.

Most of us never find ourselves in the position of doing some great act of kindness. But that isn't where most human kindness takes place. It is in day to day caring. It is in the unrecorded acts of unremembered people - unremembered by all except the recipient of the kindness. And these small acts can take place in the most dehumanizing situations. In the midst of Nazi death camps were not only unspeakable evils, but unspeakable acts of courage, dignity, and sacrificial kindness.

There is a saying from the writings of the Rabbis, the Talmud, which says: "Whoever saves a single soul, is as if he had saved the whole world". An act of dignity, of kindness, an expression of valuing another human being can be, in many ways, a redeeming act. There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. The size of kindness is eternal.

Don

SERVING NOVEMBER 24 ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and

Laura York

10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Bert Leversee

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LUTHERAN:

492 - Mrs. Marge Thomas

PARKVIEW:

332 - Mrs. Fern Kenline

224 - Mrs. Ruby Johns

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Canned Meat, Jelly,
P-Nut Butter

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4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:00 P.M. Bread For The World

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
(Membership not meeting)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 P.M. CYF LOCK-IN

BIRTHDAYS November 28-December 4

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)

Ken Perkins (28)

Dave Pratt (28)

James Clausen (29)

Opal Perkins (29)

Mary Piatt (29)

Bethel Breedon (1)

Cindy Akers (3)

Wayne Phillips (3)

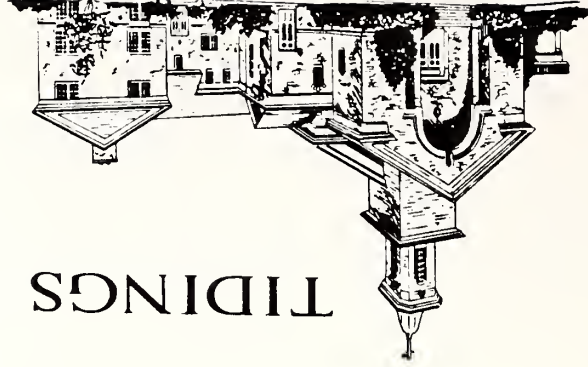
Donna Johnson (4)

CYF/CHI RHO

Come to the Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday!
Afterwards we will hang greens in the
youth lounge and have a brief meeting.

The 29th and 30th of November is the
hunger lock-in. (A youth gathering of 18
hours and no junk food? This I've got to
see!). 6:00 p.m. to noon on Saturday.
No regular meeting until December 8!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Neva Mennewisch transferred her membership this Sunday. She lives with her husband at 1610 Northlawn Drive, 46805. Phone number is 483-4802.

SUNDAY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
COME AND PREPARE A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
FOR CHRIST THE KING!

SERMON: Prepare The Way of The Lord In Ourselves
Matthew 3:13, Luke 2:17

ATTENTION DICK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Ted & Terri Pfenning has invited us to their home for a Christmas party, Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvres. They live at 4308 Beaver Avenue.

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HERE WE GO A-CAROLING

Join the fun and brighten the Christmas Season for others. Everyone is invited to meet at the church on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. to go by bus to Carol at the homes of our shut-ins. We will return by 7:00 or so and have refreshments at the church.

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THANKS FOR A GREAT DINNER!

More than 200 filled our fellowship hall for a great Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday. Thanks to Miriam Bixenman and her crew: Ken & Elinor Place, Dick & Erma Vanderwall, Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Dorothy Overmyer, Bob & Bev Hendricks, Peggy Buskirk, Delores Keebortz, Gini Brown, Mimi Westerfield, Marlo Quick, Jim & Becky Stucky, Rocky Baugher, Edna Nordblom, and Melanie Springer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

John & Brenda Proegler are the proud new parents of Brandon Lee Proegler, born on Friday, November 22. Grandparents are Dwight & Carol Davis.

TEACHERS MEETING!

Monday, December 9. 7:00 p.m. for Extended Session teachers, 7:30 p.m. for Sunday School teachers!

CYF/CHI RHO

No meeting December 8 - come to the choir program at 6:00! We'll go Christmas Caroling December 15. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.! (By the way, last I heard John Ohneck is in the lead to kiss the pig. He seems to think Sara Mullen will soon be moving to the fore).

The Chancel Choir invites the congregation, families, friends, neighbors to an Advent Carol Service, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. The Prelude will begin at 5:15 and will be played by Dan & Lenelle Ross, members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. The beautiful service originated in England in expectant celebration of the coming of Christ. It will include appropriate Scripture and the music of Bach, Handel, Holst, Dietlerich, and Hopson, as well as congregational singing of carols. It will be followed by a Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available.

The choir has been working very hard in preparation for the service with the prayer that through the creative Spirit of God, the Lessons and the anthems and carols will fill your heart, and those of your guests, with the joy of "knowing Him when He comes".

YOU ARE INVITED TO "Christmas in the Castle" at the Saint Francis College Library the weekend of December 6, 7, and 8. On those days...for 22 hours...this historic building will be elaborately decorated for the holidays by 18 area florists. Hours are 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday...and 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$3.00, with a ticket price of \$1.00 for children under 13 accompanied by an adult. Tickets may be purchased during the open house at Trinity Hall.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-24-85

Josephine & Michelle Stuckey; Terri Shirer, 1112 Rivermet; Jodie Jennings; Mr. & Mrs. Otto Smith, Elizabeth, N.J.; Eric Rieke, Auburn, IN; Gladys Linton, 6702 Anthony, E-307.

Each day in 62 care facilities located throughout the United States, the National Benevolent Association cares for more than 8,200 older adults, persons with physical and mental handicaps, and children who are abused, neglected and emotionally disturbed. This vital service is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year caring ministry of our Church.



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a church! Once again, our Stewardship Sunday drew the largest attendance since Easter! As soon as the results are all in, you'll be hearing a report, but initial results look great! Thank you all for your faithful support of the Church and its worldwide mission.

In addition, the Thanksgiving Dinner had over 200 in attendance, by far the largest in many years.

On December 3, of course, Fort Wayne Community School patrons will go to the polls to vote on the Referendum. I hope you will go and that you will vote "yes". While I have strong reservations about the racial balance provisions of the plan they seek to fund, and about the methods and tactics of the School Board, I feel the Referendum deserves our support for the many other programs and improvements it will facilitate.

Advent is upon us! The sanctuary is all "decked out" with greens awaiting the presence of a congregation "decked out" to celebrate God's great gift of love! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. My Advent sermons will be:

Preparing the Way of The Lord in Ourselves: Matthew 3:1-3, Luke 2:1-7

Preparing the Way of the Lord in Our Relationships: Matthew 3:1-3, John 3:16

Preparing the Way of the Lord in Our Nation: Matthew 3:1-3, Micah 6:6-8

Preparing the Way of the Lord in Our World: Matthew 3:1-3, John 1:1-5, 14

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

According to Dr. Joyce Brothers (Parade Magazine, October 20, 1985) living together before marriage is not an adequate test of compatibility. There is no guarantee that successfully living together means a couple will be successfully married. Why?

"For one thing, both people know its a trial period. Either can walk out the next time the lease is up", writes Dr. Brothers. And, since it is a trial, both may find it easier to put up with traits in the other that would be unbearable if a shared life-time stretched ahead".

What is the difference?

Commitment.

Is it different in our relationship with God? Many believe it is adequate to believe God exists. That is advantageous as a part of a relationship! But I merely believed Beth existed ("yes, I conclude from the garments in the clothes hamper which obviously are not mine...") we would hardly be able to say we had a relationship.

Nor is acknowledging each other on an occasional and informal basis adequate: "Well, I don't go to church, but...." A tip: A relationship is probably in trouble when one of the spouses fails to come home regularly.

Commitment. It is difficult because we have to live with it when we'd probably rather not, or when it is inconvenient. It is difficult because of the huge amounts of trust, and the huge amounts of trustworthiness it requires. And we don't like trusting ourselves, let alone others!

Commitment is hard, hard as a rock. But it is a bedrock for all relationships: And most of all, our relationship to God.

Don

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8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer,
D. Pomeroy
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5:00 P.M. Celebration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 P.M. Dick's Sunday School Class
Party at Ted & Terri Pfenning,
4308 Beaver Avenue

BIRTHDAYS December 5-11

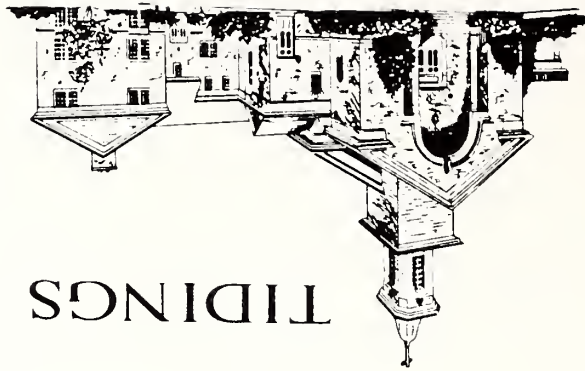
Mildred Artuza (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Brenda Proegler (7)
Sue Kerley (7)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Sandra Elser (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Laura Sauerwein (11)
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Julie & Metta Stucky came forward in 8:15 a.m. service Sunday. Julie comes by confession. Metta comes by transfer from the Presbyterian Church. They live at 928 W. DeWald 46804, phone number is 456-4710.

Ann Pittenger came by transfer at the 10:45 a.m. service. Ann lives at 2937 Westbrook Drive 46805, phone number is 484-0024.

Welcome to you all!

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION DECEMBER 15

This special dedication service is available for all parents with small children/infants. Call Dick Hamm for information.

AN ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Rather than leap from Thanksgiving to Christmas, the Chancel Choir will be singing a service of preparation and expectancy - an Advent service of Lessons and anthems. This celebration of the promises of God will be this Sunday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m., and will include some of the great music of the church from the 17th century to the present. Two of the anthems are scriptural, and another dates from an ancient 5th century manuscript. The prelude will begin at 5:15 and will be played by Dan and Lenelle Ross, members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Soloists will be Becky Stucky and Mel Busse.

The congregation and guests are invited to join the choir for this Advent festival. We hope you will enjoy it! Child-care will be available and there will be a Christmas Party afterward in Fellowship Hall.

"IT'S A TASTING PARTY"

LADIES....AND....GENTLEMEN

What is Your Speciality?

On December 8 our Chancel Choir will be presenting a very beautiful Christmas program at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following we will have a "Tasting Party".

So what is Your Speciality?

Cakes - Pies - Cookies - Candies - Small Fancy Sandwiches - Meat Balls - Appetizers - whatever your speciality. Please bring plenty to share and plan to spend this special evening with our church family.

HERE WE GO A-CAROLING

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POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

Again this year we are planning to use poinsettias to decorate the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas season. We will purchase the plants from one place at approximately \$8.50 each. Any amount may be donated. These plants may be donated in memory or to honor someone or just as a gift. Later they will be taken to our hospitalized and shut-ins. The donors will be listed in the Tidings. Indicate your desire to participate by calling the church office. Donations of any amount should be clearly marked "Poinsettias". Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

PRAYER SERVICE WILL NOT MEET DECEMBER 8 or 15 DUE TO OTHER ADVENT PROGRAMS!

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THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for the prayers and words of concern, before and during my operation. It is such a wonderful feeling to know so many people love and care about you. A very special thanks to Dick, for always being there when I needed him. May God bless all of you!

Barbara Finkhousen

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-1-85

George & Lenore Smith, Indianapolis, IN; Stephen & Lydia Frick, ElCajon, CA; Mr. & Mrs. John Branstrator, Columbus, IN; The Jim Jump Family, Naperville, ILL; Ian & Lillian Long, Carrollton, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Robick, Lincolnshire, ILL.

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Linda Kirtley (daughter), by Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward;

In Memory of Clair Buskirk, by Jim & Becky Stucky;

In Memory of Elna Taylor, by Mary R. Wagner;

In Memory of Andrew Schilling (son), by Bill & Nila Schilling;

In Memory of Pete Wilhelm & Jolene Dickey, by Mary Wilhelm;

GIFTS FROM: Glenn & Lola Miller, and Helen Sheerin.

The slide presentation "Vision for 1986" will be shown again in fellowship hall, 9:30 a.m., Sunday, December 15. If you have not seen this presentation, join us.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We are most fortunate to have four Philharmonic musicians in our congregation who willingly give of their time and talent - Sam & Nancy Smith, and Dan & Lenelle Ross. Dan and Lenelle will be doing a 15 minute prelude beginning at 5:15 p.m., this Sunday, December 8, before the beautiful Advent Carol Service at 5:30 p.m. I'm truly excited about this whole program, which features our glorious Chancel Choir! The dessert after is just that....dessert! Don't miss this for any reason other than necessity!

I had a great Thanksgiving Day with family down near Crawfordsville on the old homestead. Getting in touch with my roots each year on that special day of feast and celebration is an important part of my life. It's also an important way for my kids, David & Laura, to receive their family heritage. It's a wild and crazy bunch that meets there each year, but it's also a family that is firmly rooted in faith, and that has been their greatest gift to me.

See you Sunday, as our Church family gathers for its weekly feast!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon: "Preparing The Way of The Lord In Our Relationships",
Matthew 3:1-3, John 3:16

DON'T MENTION AGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Friday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. We'll eat supper out and then tour. All are welcome!

ATTENTION DICK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Ted & Terri Pfenning has invited us to their home for a Christmas party, Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. Bring an hors d'oeuvres. They live at 4308 Beaver Avenue.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior Fellowship (grades 3-5) will participate in the December 8 and 15 Advent Programs (the Choir Presentation and Caroling).



Money invested with our Board of Church Extension can become a building loan for another church. The Board of Church Extension anticipates loaning ten million dollars this year to be used for church sites, building and remodeling programs and purchasing of parsonages. At the same time our investment will earn us interest. Write Board of Church Extension, P.O. Box 7030, Indianapolis, IN 46207.

SOCK & MITTEN TREE

Again this year there will be a tree in the Fellowship Hall that needs decorations of warm socks, mittens, and hats. These items will be sent to the Christian Children's Home in Cleveland. Please help us to decorate it. There are many of these children who have none of these items.

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Lindsay
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Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Extended Session Teachers
Meeting
7:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers
Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:45 A.M. Rebecca Group at church
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group at church
5:00 P.M. Celebration
6:45 P.M. Elders Meeting
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Rychie Smell's,
4126 Roxton Lane

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:15 P.M. Progressive Class Party at
the church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 A.M. Bell Choir

BIRTHDAYS December 12-18

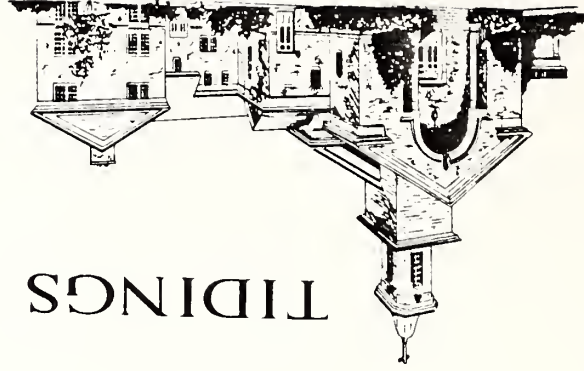
Sara Davis (12)
Harley Meadows (15)
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The coming of the Christ child is the cause for much rejoicing among Christians. At Christmas time we Disciples of Christ remember the vast ministries of the church around the world and we rejoice together through our giving in support of the work.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 1985

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In Memory of Ina Smith, by Terry & Mary King;

In Memory of Marge Lehman, by Bill Lehman;

In Memory of Harry & Audean Ashe and Leona D. Schnobel, by Charles & Bernice Schnobel
GIFTS FROM: Jackie Keller, Mr. & Mrs. James Mennewisch, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smell, Dorothy Schmidt, Peggy Buskirk, and Miriam Bixenman.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Saleum & Pheung Phomsoupha have a new baby boy born 12-5-85!

MUSIC NOTES - SCHEDULE

Bell Choir: Practice time is Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Creative Arts in Worship: The children are singing every Sunday in Advent, and need to be in the sanctuary at 10:20 for warm-up. The children will also be singing at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Warm-up is at 6:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will be singing at the 11:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve. Warm-up time is at 10:30 p.m.

JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will go caroling with the rest of the singers, this Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-8-85

Cathy Marshall, Wahiawa, Hawaii;
Kathryn Lybarger, Montgomery, Alabama.

The Chancel Choir is looking forward to singing the "premiere performances" of two new anthems written by our own people at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. One is an Introit, "A Noel", written by Phil Zimmerman, and the other is an anthem which tells the whole Christmas story, written by Curt Miller who will be accompanying the choir. It is always exciting to be able to present for the very first time compositions written by those close to us.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Thank you very much, all singers, all soloists, all ushers, and those who were Liturgists! Thank you, too, Diane and John, for your help in so many ways. It was an evening all aglow with prayers and music and good feelings, but none of it would have happened without so many willing hands and voices. Thank you!

Several people have asked for tapes. They will be available for \$1.00 each. If you'd like one, please call the church office and leave your name. We'll see that you get one.

Helen

FINANCIAL NOTE - The last Monday in December, December 30 will be the last time for giving monies in order to receive credit in 1985.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a beautiful program the Advent Carol Service! The attendance was excellent, too; 175! I think that as a congregation we are learning how special and delightful such special services are at First Christian, because attendance at such special services has been growing the last year or two. The desserts were great, too! Thanks to all who contributed!

This is shaping up to be one of the most pleasant Advent seasons ever for me personally. Perhaps its because all seems to be going so well with the church, or because my work load has become more manageable the last week or so. Whatever, I'm grateful for it. I hope you are feeling the same, as together we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

I've received many favorable comments on my Advent series, "Preparing The Way of The Lord". Tapes are available for the asking and \$1.00. This Sunday we'll think about "Preparing The Way of The Lord In Our Nation".

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

Samuel Morse, who invented the telegraph and "Morse Code", was a painter of some skill. Once he asked a friend, who was a doctor, for his opinion on a painting he had done of a dying man. The doctor scrutinized the picture for some minutes. Finally Morse asked, "What do you think of it?" "Pneumonia", was the doctor's verdict.

Sometimes we bring consummate skill to situations that require not skill or discerning judgement, but understanding, compassion, empathy. The difference between hearing and listening is the difference between having ears and having heart.

CYF/CHI RHO NEWS

The progressive dinner scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed. We meet at 5:00 Sunday to go caroling!

Also, everybody be at the church, in fellowship hall. We'll be wrapping up our pig kissing contest!

DECEMBER 15 IS THE DAY!

The CYF/Chi Rho youth group has been having a pig-kissing contest (you haven't seen their pig-tures at the voting place on the stage during coffee hour?). It will come to a finale this Sunday, with one last chance to vote for your favorite pig kisser, and an affectionate appearance from our celebrity hog! I don't believe it either, but be there and see for yourself!

I am finished with football for these ten reasons:

1. I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up.
2. The games are always played when I want to do something else.
3. Every time I go to a game somebody asks for money.
4. Although I go to games frequently, few people speak to me.
5. The seats are too hard and uncomfortable.
6. There are hypocrites at the games.
7. The referee says and does things I don't agree with.
8. The band usually plays some numbers I've never heard before.
9. Some games last too long, making me get home late.
10. I have a book about football, I can stay at home and read about it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Anticipated income as of 11-30:	\$175,221.48
Actual income as of 11-30:	162,239.50
Budgeted outgo as of 11-30:	175,221.48
Actual outgo as of 11-30:	159,381.88

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7:00 P.M. Sarah Group at Kris Ohneck's,
4214 Mirada Drive

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

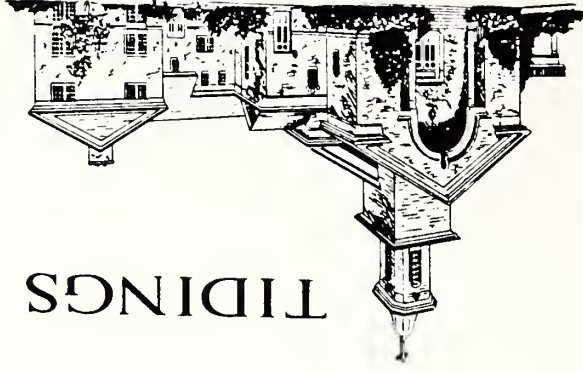
5:30 P.M. D.M.A. Christmas Lights Tour
6:30 P.M. Choir Christmas Party at
the Klepfer's, 6921 Blue
Mist Road

BIRTHDAYS December 19-25

Cindy Ebetino (19)
Albert Farrow (19)
Tim Knuckles (19)
John Morris (20)
Diana Blomeke (20)
Tammy Ott (20)
Dick Hamm (21)
Archie Hendrick (22)
Elaine Parrot (22)
Diana Duly (23)
Roger Hendrickson (23)
William Crouse (24)
Mike O'Laughlin (24)
Hortense Stevenson (24)
Richard Thompson (24)
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Susie Watson (25)
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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
DECEMBER 22 - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 P.M. Family Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion Service
This service will be a more traditional service. All are welcome!

COME AND CELEBRATE GOD'S GIFT!

SEMINAR ON ISRAEL - FOR EVERYONE

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SOCK & MITTEN TREE

Again this year there will be a tree in the fellowship hall that needs decorations of warm socks, mittens, and hats. These items will be sent to the Christian Children's Home in Cleveland. Please help us to decorate it. There are many of these children who have none of these items.

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

Send your Christmas greetings to our church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two attractive banners located in the Narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to the Emily Flinn Home for the aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home in Ohio. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office. This is our "Special over and above love gift" to our Benevolent Homes.

Prayer Service Resumes this Sunday, December 22, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M.

No Committees will meet in December unless called by a chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Anticipated income as of 11-30:	\$175,221.48
Actual income as of 11-30:	162,239.50
Budgeted outgo as of 11-30:	175,221.48
Actual outgo as of 11:30:	159,381.88

Note: Pecans will be on sale this Sunday, December 22 in Fellowship Hall!

POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

In Memory of Elwood Haines by Bette Haines;
In Memory of Ethel Flowers by Henry Flowers;
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sargent from John & Jo Weyer;
In Memory of Monty Tobias by Kevin & Phyllis Tobias;
In Memory of Arthur Mowery by Ruby Mowery and Al & Sue Creager and family;
In Memory of Fred & Muriel Wilson, Clyde W. Funkhouser, and Rilla Wilson Kellogg by F.R. Funkhouser;

GIFTS FROM: Pearl Heidecker.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

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Gwynth Rice; The Earl Fusselmans; Hazel & William Crouse; Mildred & Carl Linn; Carole Overmyer; Bette Haines; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Dither S. Glass; Mary Wagner, Bill & Ginny Johnson; Delores Keebortz; Miriam Bixenman; Harold & Colyn Crowder; Jackie Keller; Ben, Val, & Larry Taylor; Jerry, Sandy, Eric, & Mark Zimmerman; Charline Craig; Margaret & Bill Love; Leland & Mary Higgins; Walter Bowen; Grace Truby; Beulah B. Timmons; Mary Cook; Judy & Ralph Church; Shirley Dibble; Henry Flowers; Jack & Janet Weicker; Mary Wilhelm; Peggy Buskirk; Merle & Betty Grimm; Bill & Jo Franklin; Dick & Erma Vanderwall.

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Super job, Carillon! Congratulations on your debut! Looking forward to January 5 when we meet again.

Helen

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-15-85

Pamela S. Peters; David McCoy; Gary & Estella Paugh, 1103 E. Washington Center Road; Miss Erin Proegler, 7814 Amherst Drive; Scott Morgan, Richmond, IN; Mrs. Thelma Holley, 5509 N. Clinton Street; Mr. & Mrs. C.K. Holley, Laotto, IN.

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your prayers of concern and the get well cards. All were greatly appreciated.

A Merry Xmas to all.

Esther Whitton

CYF NEWS:

No Meeting Sunday!

We wrapped up the Pig Kissing Contest last week. I do not have the results at this time, but some lucky person has an appointment with a pig! We will announce when this public hog-osculation will take place.

NBA RECEIVES MAJOR ALZHEIMER GRANT

Mr. Richard R. Lance, President of the National Benevolent Assn., has announced receipt of a major planning and demonstration grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey.

The two-year grant of \$248,210 will be used by NBA to establish a comprehensive care management program for victims of Alzheimer's disease. The project site is an NBA care facility. The Florida Christian Center, located in Jacksonville, Florida. Extensive planning will take place the first nine months of the grant period. The final 15 months will then be spent in translating those detailed plans into a realistic and vital program.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

One of the most moving experiences I can remember was visiting the site of the manger in Bethlehem. We held hands in this "stable", which was really a cave (such shallow caves are common in the area), and sang "Silent Night". I hadn't been prepared for this experience. For hours after our brief visit, I would find tears coming to my eyes unexpectedly. All I could think was "this is it!....this is the place where God came to us in human form.....this is the place of the incarnation!"

So much of my work has to do with abstractions, but this birth of Jesus is as concrete an expression of God as one will ever encounter. Ever since that visit, God has been real to me in a new way and I have more fervently sought to express his love in real, concrete ways through my life and ministry.

I hope our celebration of Advent this year is helping you to that same kind of concrete experience and expression of God's love.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

AN ASSOCIATE'S OBSERVATION

As Matthew relates the story of Jesus' birth he tells us "...and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us)." Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is not that we are remembering the birth of a great man of the past, as we do with Abraham Lincoln. It is a celebration that in Christ God was, and is, manifest among us.

God is with us! He is not in some far flung corner of the universe, tinkering around while we worry ourselves through the decades.

God is with us! He has been most marvelously with us in the person Jesus and, Good News! God is with us yet. We catch glimpses of his work, and feel his movements in our world and in our hearts.

Good News! God is with us!

May the joy of Christmas be with you as well.

Don

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago; One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Stove." As I got a little closer, the door came open wide; And when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of Angels, that were standing everywhere; One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything A Christian needed was in that grocery store; And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some Patience; Love was in the same row; Further down was Understanding; you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith; I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, for it was all over the place. I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run the race; By then, my basket was getting full, but I remembered I needed some Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, for Salvation - that was free; I knew this would mean a lot, to both you and me. Then I started up to the counter, to pay my grocery bill; For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer, and I just had to put that in; For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin. Peace and Joy were plentiful; they were on the last shelf; Songs and Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself. Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?" He just smiled and said, "Just take them wherever you go." Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I owe?" He smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus Paid Your Bill A Long Time Ago."

SERVING DECEMBER 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Mark Snyder
10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Jack Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Kelly-NW, B. Grimm, G. Brown
10:45 A.M. J. Ohneck-SW, K. Ohneck-NW, S. Kerley-SE, B. Kerley-NE, D. Harter, K. Tobias, C. Miller, P. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, E. Snouffer, B. DeVinney
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Westerfield, B. Haines, C. Schnobel

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Gina Mielke
10:45 A.M. Rhonda & Gene Lantz

ACOLYTES

Aimee Pratt & Heather Chapin
COMMUNION PREPARATION
J. Kelly & S. Englehart
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dave & Jeannie Pratt
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Jane Hahn

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:
479 - Mrs. Sarah Smith

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Canned Meat, Jelly, P-Nut Butter

CHURCH CALENDAR

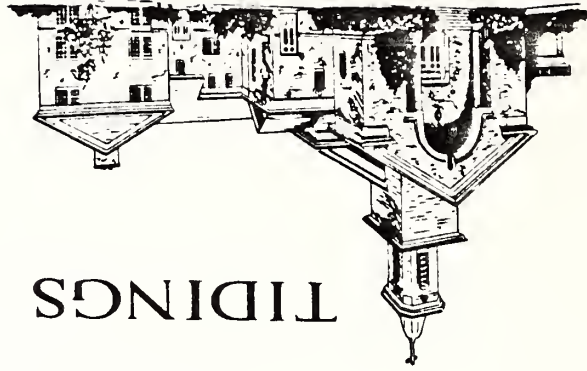
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Family Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Service
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED

BIRTHDAYS December 26 - January 2

Carolyn Falbe (26)
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Michele Reeves (27)
John Mathias (28)
Steven Powell (28)
Sarah Smith (28)
Jack Bickel (29)
Kathy Lee (29)
Lucille Branstrator (29)
Celestia Walters (29)
Saleum Phomsoupha (1)
Al Creager (2)
Linda Hayes (2)

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"We Are Growing"

Richard L. Hamm, Editor

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VICTORY!

Assuming that those who have not yet pledged this year do what they did last year (23,472.00), we have successfully met our 1986 budget of \$201,000.00. (We do need to hear from those of us who have not yet responded).

Congratulations upon your excellent growth as stewards! This church is on the march!

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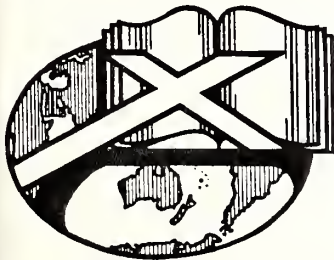
SINGLES! SKI & CHILI!

On Sunday, January 5, 3:00 p.m., all singles are invited to join together at Fox Island for cross-country skiing (fear not if you have never skied before - no sweat, we'll show you how) and then a chili supper at Greg Showalter's home.

AUCTION AT CALDWELL'S HOME

On January 11, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., the house and household goods of Bill & Mamie will be auctioned on site at 3521 Robinwood Drive. You may find something you can use and help the church, too, as proceeds will eventually come to First Christian.

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Through your support of Basic Mission Finance, the Division of Overseas Ministries is able to work with its partner churches around the world to preach, to teach, to heal, to empower. More than 100 overseas staff and countless indigenous church leaders witness to the gospel because of your gifts.

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CYF will meet January 5 at 5:30 P.M.

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The following is a reprint of an article from Dick's friend, Jack McInnis, senior pastor of First Christian, Jefferson City, MO (the state capitol).

REFLECTIONS - If it's the Advent season in Jefferson City, it must be time for Carl Burke and Company from the High School. If his Chorale isn't filling the air with noels and glorias, can Christmas even happen? Most of us in these parts are agreed that little else matches the echoing voices in the vaulted extravagance of the capitol rotunda. The excessive beauty comes close to Christmas itself.

So, on the first snow day in December, we bundled up and dashed over to Central United Church for a "dress rehearsal". In the chancel they stood, red stoles on black, and bright eyes fixed on Carl's expressiveness. Rivaling, surpassing, the maturity of most college choirs, the 1984 edition of the Chorale keeps the grand tradition intact.

As they sang the phrase from one of the carols, "He came from de glory. . ." there was that sudden rush which moves along the spine and lets you know you've been touched by what you've witnessed. Simultaneously, a late wasp, come to church for warmth beneath the winter, swooped above my head. Against the surge of the emotion of the moment now came a wave of adrenaline at the fear of being stung. The tingles collided in my stomach. From the pew in back of me a stranger leaned over and inquired in humor, "Did you bring that wasp with you from your church?"

"No!" I whispered with feigned indignation. "Of course not!" Yet, in my heart, I knew the wasp had, indeed, come with me. Pain, and fear, intrude at the holiest moments. Innocents are slaughtered by a paranoid Herod; Ethiopia withers in hunger; and a thousand funeral pyres burn today in central India. Since that first Christmas, love and fear have not been strangers to each other. Perhaps our experiencing the pain of the world brings Christmas nearer.

I KEEP FORGETTING THINGS

I keep forgetting things:

Which letters I've answered,

Whether I turned the stove off.

But I keep remembering things, too:

Faces, places,

Sights, scents, sounds.

It's annoying not to know where I left my glasses,

But it's lovely to have always, right behind my eyes,

A picture of my daughter at three,

Hair glinting in the sun,

Looking up at me,

Asking: "Do butterflies have puppies or is it the other way around?"

I can recall perfectly the sound of a foghorn

Off the coast of Maine,

Though, as the family will tell you,

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, my family and I will be on our way to my parents' home for a few days. I always look forward to this breather in the midst of the church year. It has been a remarkable fall for the church and so I retreat with a great sense of satisfaction and delight. The new programs, the new members, and the tremendous success of the stewardship campaign all point to a really healthy congregation. I give thanks to God, and to you.

It's now time to officially switch over to that new 1986 calendar you've been making a few notes in the last several weeks. The new year always seems like such a fresh opportunity for us. It is a time to reconsider priorities. Why not decide now for some new priorities in '86; perhaps more time for family (a family night a week?), participation in Prayer Service, a weekly night-out with your spouse.....anything that you've "wished" time for, but have crowded out with other activities. Now, take that new '86 calendar and mark out time for those priorities - don't wait till they just get the leftovers of your time. Mark it now, and guard those times.

We live by our calendars or, we die by our calendars. Are you in charge of it, or the other way around? Let's use God's gift of time wisely and in healthy ways.

Have a happy new year celebration, and I'll see you January 5, Lord willing.

Love,

Dick

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In Memory of Jeff Dietsch by Jeannie & Dave Pratt.

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I KEEP FORGETTING THINGS-CON'T:

I sometimes don't hear the phone.

I remember graduations and weddings and
Picnics and parades,

The way a fresh-cut lawn smells,

The taste of apricot jam.

Help me to be happy about what I remember

Instead of fretting about what I forget.

I'd rather relive love than find my glasses.

(But, of course, Lord, I wouldn't mind if you wanted to give me a hint.)

(copied)

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Callahan, S. Callahan, D. Parlette,
M. Mullen

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D. Pomeroy
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, W. Wes-
terfield, H. Nordblom, J. Jones

GREETERS

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10:45 A.M. John & Barbara Clevenger

ACOLYTES

Jennifer Byers & Mark Zimmerman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

C. Miller & B. Grimm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

L. York - B. Grimm
B. Ludwig - W. Westerfield
D. Keebortz - D. Parlette
W. Johnson - R. Stover

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Becky Glasgow & Connie Wells
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

COUNTERS FOR JANUARY

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Bruce Lehman

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

BIRTHDAYS January 3-9

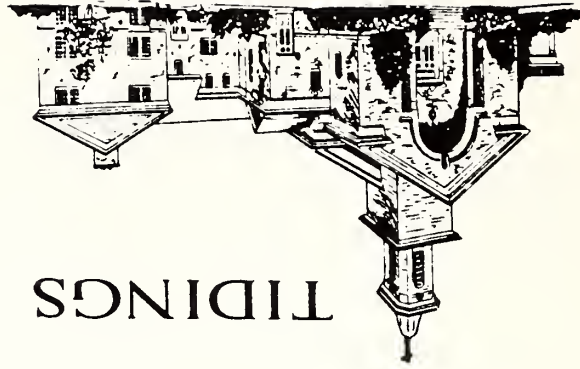
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